

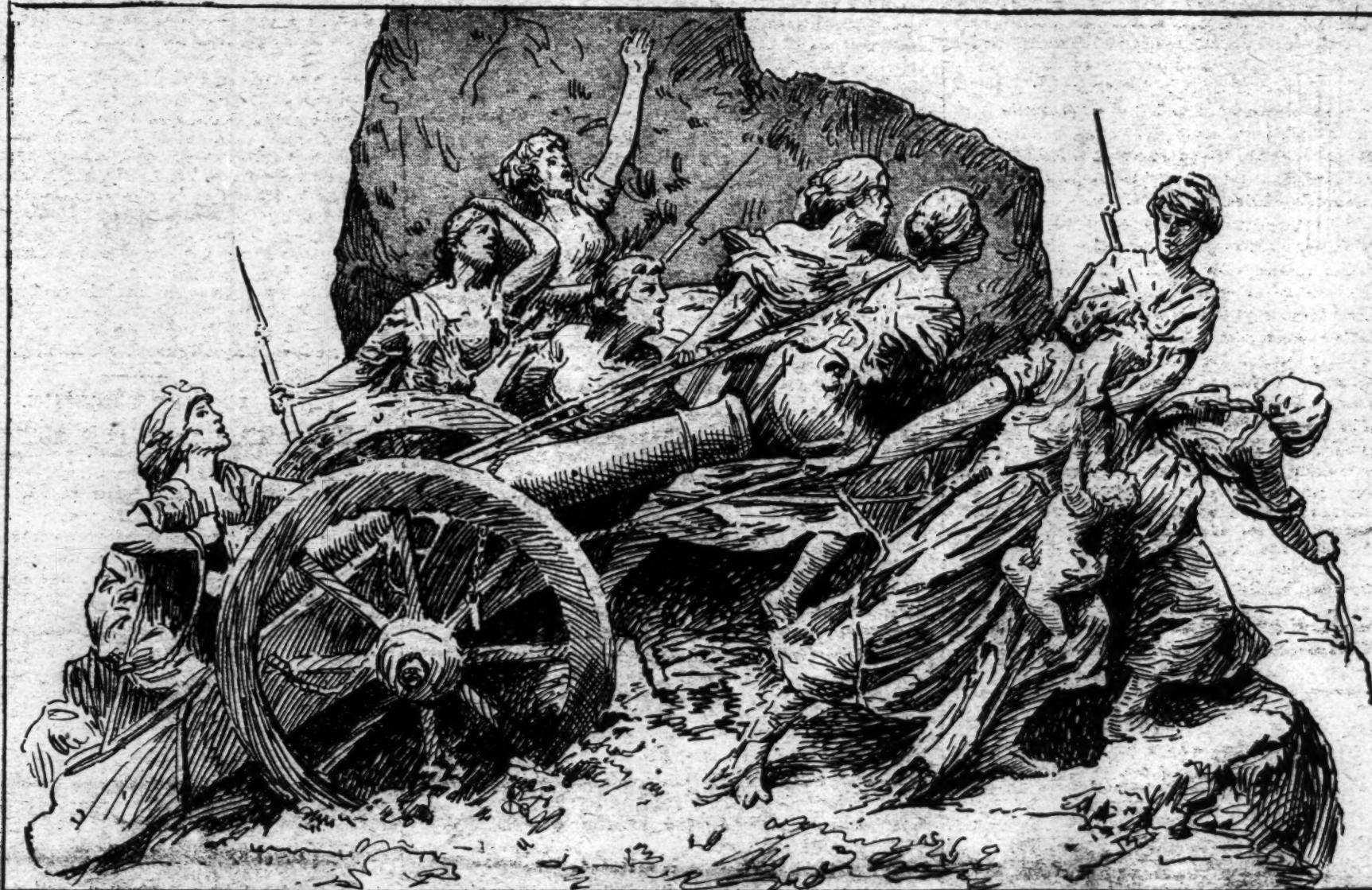
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One of M. Augustin Querol's beautiful designs on the monument at Saragossa, unveiled December, 1909, to commemorate the Centenary of the Saragossans' struggle for freedom.—(See the Article on p. 71).

When circumstances, forcing women out of the sphere of their ordinary nature, compel them to exercise many virtues, they display them in the highest degree, and when they are once awakened to a sense of patriotism, they carry the principle to its most heroic pitch. The loss of women and children during the siege was very great, fully proportionate to that of the men; they were always the most forward, and the difficulty was to teach them a prudent and proper sense of the danger!—Southey ("History of Peninsular War").

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

During the past week several important interviews have taken place. On Friday Mr. Asquith received a deputation of woman suffragists in his constituency (East Fife), and was questioned by them as to the intention of the Government with regard to the Conciliation Bill in the autumn. According to one account he declined to make any definite statement, saying that the opposition of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill did not necessarily imply that facilities would not be given, but that they must "wait and see." According to another account, which we believe to be more correct, Mr. Asquith stated that the sitting of Parliament in the autumn was not likely to last for more than a month and that under these circumstances there would be no time to discuss the Conciliation Bill. He proceeded to express

the view that this Bill was objectionable because it was undemocratic. As to the course of business next year, he was not prepared to express an opinion.

Mr. Birrell.

Mr. Birrell received a deputation of women on Friday last in the Council Chamber of Dublin Castle. He expressed himself entirely favourable to the Conciliation Bill, which enfranchised a million women, whose claims were as good as any that could be put forward by men who at present possess the vote. He was not a believer in universal suffrage. We are glad that Mr. Birrell made this clear, because it shows that Mr. Lloyd George's proposals would not command full support even among Woman Suffragists of his own party, while they would antagonize every Conservative Suffragist. Mr. Birrell went on to say that it was not possible to provide facilities in the autumn, but he was in favour of facilities being given next year to a new Bill which would have an "open title," and be capable of amendment. Woman Suffragists are not prepared to wait till next year. Their experience is that next year never comes. If the Government are prepared to give the House of Commons the opportunity of settling the question let them do so now, for, as the *Manchester Guardian* points out, for Cabinet Ministers to say there is no time means neither more nor less than that they refuse to find time. Equally do we fail to see why Mr. Birrell is prepared to throw over the Conciliation Bill, for which there is an overwhelming majority both in the country and the House of Commons and of which he himself expressly approves, in favour of a Bill with an "open title" which can be hacked about by a combination of open opponents and false friends into a shape in which it will be unacceptable either to the country or to the House of Commons. Finally, Mr. Birrell said, as to methods, that it would be impertinent on his part to express any opinion of either the wisdom or the folly of any particular course. We thank him for this courageous remark, and recommend

its consideration to open enemies and to treacherous supporters.

Ignorance in the House of Commons.

Sir George Scott Robertson, Member for Central Bradford, received a deputation of women Liberals and other Suffragists, including Miss Mary Phillips, on Wednesday last week. He expressed the opinion that the Conciliation Bill was objectionable on several grounds, one of which was that it would "not enfranchise a married woman who paid rates and taxes and supported her family whilst her husband was away, say, on an expedition to the North Pole." A copy of the Bill was accordingly produced, and Sir George Scott Robertson was asked to read it. After doing so he was compelled to admit his mistake. The deputation then proceeded to point out that this carelessness on the part of M.P.'s on questions concerning women showed the absolute necessity for women to have the vote, and this point of view has been further emphasised by Miss Maude Illingworth, the well known Liberal woman, who was a member of the deputation, in a letter sent to the Press.

Other Interviews.

Both the members for Bath have been interviewed by deputations of women. Lord Alec Thynne argued that there were no sex grievances, and he did not see that women wanted the vote to deal with other questions. Sir Charles Hunter expressed himself a supporter of the Conciliation Bill, but against universal suffrage. Pressed by Mrs. Mansel to sign a memorial to the Prime Minister for further facilities this autumn, he said he would consider the matter. We understand that he is now prepared to do so. Col. Hickman, M.P. for Wolverhampton South, received a deputation of Women, including Miss Dorothy Evans, and said that though he was in favour of women who pay rates and taxes having the vote, he was against universal suffrage. He believed in facilities being given to the Bill.

The By-Elections.

South Shields has returned Mr. Russell Rea by a very much reduced majority, while Sir J. Simon has been re-

lected for Walthamstow by a still greater majority than before. These results were expected on all hands. The Suffrage Campaign, although it detached a great many votes from the Liberal candidates in both constituencies, was not able to counteract the preponderating Liberalism in South Shields, or the growing personal popularity of Sir J. Simon, whose inclusion in the Government was regarded by Walthamstow in the light of a favour conferred on the constituency. If all the forces against the Government had worked as hard as the suffragists and had added their quota the result might have been very different.

The Rights of Political Prisoners.

Messrs. Victor Duval and George Jacobs were released last week, after serving their sentences in Pentonville, and a Welcome breakfast was held in their honour on Saturday morning and a special public meeting of the Men's Political Union on Tuesday. They then told the story of their imprisonment. At first they were treated as ordinary second-class offenders, but when they refused to wear prison dress or eat prison food the Home Secretary was communicated with, and a reply was received from him to the effect that though they had no rights in the matter he was prepared to allow the application to them of the rule as to prisoners not convicted of offences implying moral turpitude. A special article by Mr. Duval appears on this page. In this connection it is also interesting to note that, according to the *Evening News*, a French political prisoner, M. Gustave Hervé, after threatening to adopt the hunger strike, was awarded political treatment.

The Humorous Side.

The Anti Women's Suffrage League has been holding one of its delightful meetings in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Having carefully excluded women from the audience, Lord Cromer proceeded to tell the men present that extreme sentimentality and "vague and undisciplined sympathies, hasty generalisations based on inexperience or imperfect information were characteristic of a majority of the female sex." He went on to say that the prevailing high rate of infant mortality showed that women ought not to have the vote, that the vote could not affect women's wages, that women were at present favoured by the law, and that it was a notorious fact that both judges and juries were disposed to take a more lenient view of offences committed by women than of those committed by men! Readers of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* will not need additional evidence to appreciate the absurdity of his assertions. He also made the usual reference to Queen Victoria's position, and with regard to this we would draw special attention to the letter printed in our columns this week, which casts a somewhat different interpretation on Queen Victoria's views.

Tax Resistance.

If the Government refuse facilities for the Conciliation Bill when Parliament meets, one of the weapons of opposition which will be employed against them by women will be "tax resistance." Those who are proposing to do this will do well to make themselves acquainted, as far as possible, with the law on the question, and we recommend them to apply to the Offices of the Women's Tax Resistance League, at 72, Hillfield Road, Hampstead, N.W., whose secretary, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, will be pleased to supply them with information.

Items of Interest.

Lord Selborne and Lord Meath have become Vice-Presidents of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association.

Lady Steel has resigned from the Presidentship of the Central Edinburgh Women's Liberal Association on account of the treatment of the Women's Suffrage Question by the Government.

Dr. Garrett Anderson, who has been twice Mayor of Aldeburgh, has decided not to offer herself again for a third year of office.

Three women were elected on Tuesday in the Municipal contests.

The Manchester Town Council, by a very large majority, has decided to ask the Government to give facilities to the Conciliation Bill.

Sir George Kekewich, speaking to the teachers, many of whom, owing to the mismanagement of the Board of Education, are out of employment, counselled them to "make a row," and stated that though he was a Liberal, a Radical and a Socialist, he would not vote for a Government guilty of such cruelty.

We congratulate the Lewisham W.S.P.U. upon their interesting annual report recently issued, showing an income and expenditure of £200, of which the shop takings amount to £60.

During the recent International Congress on school hygiene, held in Paris, two women, Dr. Helen MacMurchy, of Toronto, and Mlle. Joteyko, the well-known head of the Kasimir Laboratory, at Brussels, were elected on the International Committee. This is the first time that any woman has been appointed on this committee.

THE DEPUTATION.

Names of those anxious to take their share in the deputation to the Prime Minister (should this be necessary), as an indignant protest against any attempt on the part of the Government to wreck the Conciliation Bill are pouring into Clements Inn daily. Many who cannot take a personal part are sending cheques to the war chest. Some letters from prospective members of the deputation will be found on page 75. All who wish to take their part in this deputation, which it is hoped will be the last in the militant agitation, should write at once to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. London members and friends who are not themselves able to take part in the deputation and who can give hospitality to delegates from other parts of the country, are asked to send in their names to the Hospitality Secretary, Miss Ellen Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

MY WEEK IN PRISON.

By Victor D. Duval.

If anyone had suggested to me as I left my office for the City Temple on Monday, October 17, that the result of my visit would mean arrest and subsequent imprisonment, I should certainly have smiled and said, "Nonsense!" Yet it is true that I have been incarcerated in Pentonville Gaol for one week, and I am glad, because I feel how necessary it is for men to show the Government that they also are in deadly earnest and are prepared if need be to make sacrifices in order that justice shall be done to the women of the country. My real offence was that I went to the City Temple to interrogate Mr. Lloyd George, and knowing the slipperiness of Cabinet Ministers, I thought it better to see him outside the building rather than to take my chance inside. I had no intention of offering, nor did I offer him, any personal violence or any threatening language. But I put to him a plain, straightforward question as to the intentions of the Government with regard to the Conciliation Bill. When, instead of replying, he tried to run away I caught hold of his coat in order that he might be compelled to answer, and when he did not do so I told him that in my opinion he was a traitor and a hypocrite. For this offence I was fined 40s. or seven days, and I chose the latter alternative. On principle I will never pay a fine for any work I do on behalf of Woman Suffrage.

On reaching Pentonville some four hours after sentence was pronounced I was taken to what is known as the Receiving Room. This room had the appearance of a schoolroom, there being rows of forms, a few shelves of books, and a desk at one end where a prison officer sat. My name was taken, and the official blue paper was handed over to the receiving officer by the "Black Maria" guard. I was then escorted to the Reception Room, a long compartment furnished with rows of little boxes on either side, with a table at the end, at which sat one of the warders. I was put into one of these boxes quite near to the table, and locked in. Presently the door was opened and I was able to follow everything that was taking place. Nearly all the boxes were occupied, and men were being brought one by one before the officer at the table. I listened carefully to what was said, and I soon discovered that each man had to give certain particulars as to age, place of abode, whether married or not, and so on. The faces of nearly all the men were haggard, and the great majority of the 110 prisoners who presented themselves on this evening had no fixed home.

Refusal to Wear Prison Dress.

My turn came at last, and, after having furnished the information required of me, I was told to go into a little ante-room and wait. Presently a warden came up to me and told me to take off my shoes and undo my waistcoat, from which I gathered I was to undress and put on prison clothing, so I said, "Do you mean to say that I, a political prisoner, am to wear prison clothing?" He replied, "Yes, certainly." "Well," I replied, "I refuse to wear prison clothing, and shall be obliged if you will carry my message to the governor." I was then told that I could retain my own clothes until the morrow, when instructions as to my treatment would be forthcoming. I was then taken to a cell and asked if I wanted supper. "What is the supper?" I ventured to ask. "Bread and porridge," was the reply. So I declined with thanks. After the cell door had been slammed and fastened I began to examine the interior. There was a plank bed, a mattress, blankets and sheets, a small wooden table, a wooden stool, a tin of fresh water, two tin buckets, and a bundle of rags and brushes for cleaning purposes. I soon decided to make up my plank bed and retire for the night, but it was some hours before I closed my eyes.

The next morning I was called at six o'clock, and told to put out my tins and fold up my bedding. This I did, and at seven o'clock my breakfast—a piece of brown bread and a tin of the very poor-looking stuff called tea was brought to me. I looked at it and explained to the warden that being a political prisoner I must insist upon having decent food, that I would not touch the prison food, and that I should like to see the governor. A couple of hours later the governor appeared. Having put my case before him, I was informed that he had no power to do otherwise than treat me as an ordinary second division prisoner, but that he would communicate with the Home Office and ascertain whether I could wear my own clothes and buy my own food. At the same time he urged me to eat something, pointing out that he did not want to have any trouble, and that I, being a young man, would feel the effects of going without nourishment in after-life. Several more visits were paid me during the day by the governor, doctor, and chief warden, but to all their entreaties I said I would wait and hear the reply from the Home Office. This came late in the afternoon, and it was to this effect: While the Secretary of State considered that I was not entitled to special treatment, in view of the fact that the magistrate had taken a lenient view of my offence, he would on this occasion allow me to wear my own clothes and purchase my food from outside. The governor then explained to me that there was nobody in the prison who could fetch the food for me, and asked me what I was going to do about it. I said to him, "Do you mean to say that you have no machinery for administering the laws that are made?" He then said he would try and arrange something. After this little

incident the food that I ordered was brought to me at the scheduled feeding-hours, and all I had to do was to sign a declaration that I would pay the bill.

On the Tuesday evening I tried to sleep, but could not do so; there seemed to be no air in the cell, and I felt as if I were being stifled. I lay awake all through the night, and was thankful when the bell rang for me to get up. When the governor and a visiting magistrate came to see me later in the day I told them that I should like more exercise (I had been having only one hour out of the twenty-four in the fresh air); my request was granted, and during the rest of my stay I was permitted to have one and a half and sometimes two hours.

I was pressed many times to pay the fine, was told of the stigma that would rest with my children, if ever I had any, on account of their father having been in prison, and how the women were able to take care of themselves. In reply to these statements I just tried to convince the officials of the necessity for strong and determined action, and I hope that, if ever they should have other suffrage prisoners under their charge, they will not weary them with these petty remarks; but will try and understand the spirit which moves certain individuals to go to prison rather than submit to the tyranny of an illiberal Government.

As a result of one week in prison I can testify by actual experience to the terrible sufferings that the hundreds of women must have endured who were imprisoned during the past few years. It requires some courage to go to prison, and it requires a good deal more to go the second time, and often as I sat in my cell in Pentonville Gaol I thought of the women who went to prison more than once; I compared the treatment meted out to them with the treatment I was receiving, after my protest had been made, and I felt how much I owed to those who had won for me this special treatment.

I thought of the cause on behalf of which all these sacrifices had been made, and I prayed in my heart that men would come forward in their thousands and so render unnecessary any further militancy.

WELCOME BREAKFAST.

A Welcome breakfast was given to the ex-prisoners at the Eustace Miles Restaurant at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and though many members were reluctantly absent owing to their professional duties, the total number present was close on a hundred.

Mr. Rutter said that when their friends went to Pentonville the M.P.U. asked the Home Office to give them the treatment accorded to political prisoners. The following is the reply:

SIR.—With reference to your letter of the 25th instant in the case of Victor Duval and George Jacobs, I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that persons guilty of rowdyism in the street or assault upon the police would not, in ordinary circumstances, come within the class for whom the privileges of the new rule have been designed; but in view of the circumstances, and as the magistrate sentenced them to serve in the Second Division, the Secretary of State has, by special direction, decided to allow the application of the rule in their case.

(Signed) W. P. BYRNE.

Lady Constance Lytton proposed good health and prosperity to Messrs. Duval and Jacobs. To welcome those gentlemen on coming out of prison seemed, she said, like a dream—and a very good dream. Their action had emphasised the fact that the campaign to secure votes for women was not a sex war; it was a great fight that was being undertaken now by men as well as women. Their action would be written in the annals of the fight in letters of gold.

Mrs. Despard, seconding the proposal, said it was a grand thing for them to find men putting themselves in the very front of the battle. Her "brother," Mr. Jacobs, and her "young brother," Mr. Duval, by what they had done had strengthened the hands of the women enormously. Such a lesson had never before been taught and it was a great augury for the future.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst said it was a great thing to find that the woman's movement was felt to be so important, so sacred that men, as well as women, were prepared to make great sacrifices in order to push it forward to success. She and her fellow ex-prisoners welcomed Messrs. Duval and Jacobs as comrades, admitted them to the inner band of rebels.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, speaking as a member of the Men's Political Union, said the M.P.U. was very proud of them, and their action made all members proud to belong to the M.P.U.

Mr. Victor Duval, responding, after saying that it was well worth doing a week in prison if only to be admitted a member of the "inner band" of fighting rebels, gave an account of his imprisonment, some details of which appear in his article.

Mr. George Jacobs, who was also received with tremendous enthusiasm, said it was a privilege for men to do something for the women who were sacrificing their lives for this great cause, fighting not merely to gain a vote for themselves, but to have the power to use that vote for good, for the good of men and women, for the benefit of humanity.

At a further meeting of the M.P.U., at Caxton Hall, on Tuesday evening, £50 was raised for the funds.

LYSISTRATA.

Mr. Laurence Housman sends us his own rendering of the passage from Aristophanes' play, quoted in Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's article of October 21st.

Aye, for of former times now would I speak,
And for men wars, when women, all too meek,
Bore and endured; and then, when sick at heart,
Yet, with a smile, we sought to know what part
I's played for peace—in wrath the answer flew,
"Be silent, woman! What is that to you?"
And I was silent.

M.P.: Aye, and you had best

Lys.: Be silent now! Silent I strove to rest
There in the home, till presently again
Came news of further mischief; and when fain
To know the cause of it one dared to ask
"How is it, husband, that ye do this task—
Ye men so ill?" Quick, with a lurkive eye,
Grudging one's right to question, he would cry
"Stick to your loom, leave politics to men,
Lest ye fare worse!"

PRIME MINISTER INTERVIEWED.

On Thursday in last week, at Provost Robertson's residence in Scotland, the Prime Minister granted an interview to two ladies resident in his constituency, who desired to learn from him if further facilities would be granted this session for the consideration of the Conciliation Bill.

Mr. Asquith in his reply said he could not promise that such facilities would be granted this session, which he pointed out had only one month to run.

The deputation expressed the opinion that those members who voted for the Bill had done more than affirm the principle of women's suffrage, and they stated that the action of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George in voting against the second reading of the Bill was an evidence of the fact that the Government did not desire the Bill to go any further.

Mr. Asquith disagreed with this view, and before the interview closed one of the ladies remarked that she supposed they would just have to "wait and see."

According to another account Mr. Asquith expressed surprise that the women should ask for facilities for the Bill, and alleged that the Bill had been introduced on the understanding that it would go no farther than a second reading. He also objected to the Bill as being undemocratic. The Prime Minister gave no hope of facilities during the next Session, and would say nothing as to future possibilities.

DEPUTATION TO MR. BIRRELL.

Mr. Birrell received a deputation from the Irish Women's Franchise League at Dublin last Friday, consisting of seven ladies from Dublin and Belfast, accompanied by Mr. Nannetti, M.P. The events which led up to the Chief Secretary's decision to receive the deputation were reported in last week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Mrs. Cousins said they thought it necessary to make it clear to Mr. Birrell, as the responsible Minister for Ireland, that Irish women were quite as desirous of getting Parliamentary representation as English, Scottish, or Welsh women. Their methods had hitherto been peaceful, for there was a general feeling in Ireland in their favour, and they appreciated Mr. Birrell's sympathy. Theirs was an exclusively Irish Association, formed because of the peculiar political conditions. They had their own policy and tactics, and this was specially required because in recent legislation affecting the women of the country Irish women had been left out. They asked him to use his influence in the Cabinet to secure facilities for passing the Conciliation Bill before the end of the coming session. If when Parliament met facilities were again refused, the only course open to self-respecting women would be to resort once again to militant tactics, and in that event Irishwomen would not be backward. Mrs. Kettle said that it was important to point out that at least three-fourths of the Irish Party were in their favour and had professed their faith in Woman's Suffrage. Mrs. Elliott (Belfast) also urged on Mr. Birrell to support the claim. The women of the North of Ireland felt very strongly on the subject, and were quite as determined to stand to their guns as their sisters across the water. (Hear, hear.)

Chief Secretary's Reply.

Mr. Birrell said it was impossible to resist some, at all events, of the arguments employed for Woman's Suffrage, and, therefore, he voted for the Conciliation Bill and supported it in the House of Commons, in the Cabinet, and elsewhere, and he would certainly vote for it again. He would like to say one word about the vote he gave for keeping that Bill downstairs. To have sent it upstairs would have been a breach of the distinct understanding arrived at in all parts of the House a few years ago when the practice of sending Bills before Special Committees was initiated, that no controversial Bill of any sort or kind should be taken away from the Committee of the whole House to be sent upstairs to be threshed out in a small Committee. To send it up would have been a breach of Parliamentary faith, and, besides, would have been useless, and the scenes in that Committee upstairs would have been of a character that would have been discreditable. The Conciliation Bill was highly controversial. Numbers of members on both sides were bitterly opposed to it, some for one reason, some for another, some because they objected to the idea of introducing women into political life, but that was very ridiculous because they were in political life already and could not be kept out. The deputation said in all Ireland the people were unanimously for it. Such unanimity would be very remarkable, but that certainly was not the case in England, where a man who wanted to get a rather cheap or dirty kind of popularity amongst the vulgarest type of the inhabitants of his constituency could do nothing more popular than to get up on the platform and say, "Never, never, under any circumstances, will I give a vote to women." The Bill, instead of being sent to a small Committee upstairs, must, like any other great measure of constitutional change, be considered in Committee by the whole House.

Then as to next session, that would not begin till November 15, and would certainly last till December 15. It was simply a postponed session for the purpose of dealing with the postponed Budget, and he was quite sure it would be simply impossible to give the time for the discussion of the Conciliation Bill. He was strongly of opinion that in the course of next year facilities must be given, because otherwise women were placed, owing to the division of opinion between both parties, in a helpless,

hopeless state. The Tory Party were divided and the Liberal Party were divided, and, therefore, it seemed to him that Women's Suffrage might be postponed for ever, and that they would never get a Government to take up the Bill as their own. The Bill would have to be introduced in a form which would admit of amendment, and a large party would oppose it altogether. Therefore, it would take time. But it was entitled to time. And, therefore, said Mr. Birrell, I certainly think (and in this I am only expressing an opinion that I have expressed in private before), with apologies to members of my own party, I certainly think the time of shuffling and delay in this matter has gone by, and that time will have to be given.

Not Prepared to Criticise Methods.

Proceeding, he said it would be a big job and a long job, and it was an important matter that ought to have been treated a long time ago. He would do the best he could in the coming year to see that it obtained a full measure of Parliamentary time, which it could only obtain if facilitated by the Government of the day. Referring to the Woman's Franchise League, he said it was unnecessary for him to say anything about the methods that people might pursue. "That is on their own responsibility, and it would be an impertinence on my part to express any opinion on either the wisdom or folly of any particular course. I think you are perfectly right in feeling irritated and annoyed at the delay that has taken place and in insisting on a date for definite Parliamentary action." Referring to what Mrs. Cousins said about safeguarding the rights of Irish women in this matter, Mr. Birrell said he was sure the Irish members would see to it that there would be no exclusion or interference in any way with the rights of Irish women.

GREAT ALBERT HALL MEETING.

Six days only remain before the Great Albert Hall Meeting, on Thursday, November 10. Members of this Union count among their great triumphs the series of Albert Hall meetings, which have always been a source of inspiration and help. But they must not keep their good things to themselves. There are hundreds of women in London who know little about the woman's movement, and they must be reached. It is only through each member realising her responsibility and doing her share of the work that this can be accomplished. For although strangers are heartily welcome, a regulation of the Albert Hall prevents them purchasing tickets except from members of the W.S.P.U. Every member is accordingly asked to make it a point of honour to bring two unconverted friends and to guarantee the disposal of several additional tickets. Among those still remaining to be sold are a few Amplitheatre Stalls, 2s.; Upper Orchestra, 6d.; Loggia Boxes, holding eight, 21s.; Second Tier Boxes, holding five, 12s. 6d. In addition to the reserved seats the whole of the Balcony and Gallery are being thrown open free to women, and a certain number of free tickets have been issued which will secure admittance to these parts of the Hall. Members are invited to take these and to distribute them to those women who, while anxious to be present, are unable to afford the price of a ticket. Application should be made to the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Dallas (W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.), who is organising the various schemes for making the meeting known, makes urgent appeal for helpers, and also for motor-cars during the few remaining days.

Some more stewards are also wanted, and Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., will be glad if members will send in their names at once, so that arrangements may be completed. Members only are eligible, and they should be at the Hall not later than 6 o'clock.

The final list of speakers is as follows:—Mrs. Pankhurst in the chair, Israel Zangwill, Esq., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Mr. Gerald Arbuthnot, who promised to speak, has now written to say that he regrets he finds he is unable to fulfil the engagement.

AT THE SIGN OF THE CLOCK.

Christmas will soon be here, and there will be shortly a brave show of presents of all kinds under the Clock. The special Christmas bazaar opens on Monday, November 14. If any reader of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* has not yet discovered where the Sign of the Clock is, let him—or her—take an omnibus or tube to Tottenham Court Road and turn down Charing Cross Road. A few doors down on the left side, at No. 156, will be seen the clock, with its hands pointing not to the hour of day, but to the question of the hour—Votes for Women! In the shop window under the clock, and on the counter within, everything that can possibly be needed for Christmas presents will be found displayed, and never before has so large and varied a collection of pretty and useful articles been seen here. There are Christmas crackers—both Suffragette crackers and ordinary ones—the prices ranging from 6d. to 2s. 6d. per box. There are boxes of Votes for Women cigarettes, specially suitable as presents to men friends, and there are boxes of stationery with the beautiful design by Sylvia Pankhurst as a watermark. And who could resist stationery cabinet in the colours, containing a writing pad, notepaper and envelopes, postcards, and everything the writer needs? The price is only 2s. 6d. Of course, calendars for 1911 have not been forgotten, and of these two, prepared by Miss V. H. Friedlaender and Miss Leblachur, with special designs, price 1s. each, will be ready soon. Christmas cards, too, will be ready shortly, so don't buy elsewhere!

The duty of members, however, does not stop at buying: they are also asked to supply goods. Mrs. Knight at 156, Charing Cross Road, and Local Secretaries, wherever there is a W.S.P.U. shop, will gladly welcome all kinds of fancy and useful articles suitable for selling at the Christmas Bazaar. Presents for children will be most welcome. Mrs. W. W. Jacobs of Loughton, has already set the ball rolling by sending a very generous contribution of pretty and useful things to the Woman's Press. Many other friends and members of the Union are busy on work for the Bazaar, and it is suggested that they should kindly send in their gifts as soon as possible. All parcels should be addressed to 156, Charing Cross Road, or to the local shops, the addresses of which will be found on pp. 74 et seq. We hope that others will follow Mrs. Jacobs's splendid example.

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THE BY-ELECTIONS. SOUTH SHIELDS.

RESULT.	
Mr. Russell-Rae (L.)	7,932
Mr. Vaughan-Williams (U.)	4,916
Liberal Majority	3,016

Over 1,000 votes turned! That is something to be proud of. At the General Election the Liberal candidate was returned with a majority of 4,236. This time he just manages to pass the third thousand. And in addition to this blow to the Government, the women's cause has been strengthened greatly in the constituency. As an instance of how the electors are waking up to the justice of the women's claim, we print the following letter, sent to Mrs. Taylor, Chipchase Castle, by Mr. R. Blair, of Harton Lodge, South Shields:—"Dear Mrs. Taylor,—I have just returned from a very successful meeting of the W.S.P. Union in the Royal Assembly Hall, and while the effect of the splendid address given by Miss Pankhurst is still upon me, I cannot refrain from reiterating what I said at Chipchase now many years ago, that I was a firm supporter of the claims of the women. I cannot see why they, simply on the ground of sex, should be debarred. I am afraid there is more than appears on the surface in what the Liberal candidate is reported to have said at one of his meetings—the fear that if women had votes they would vote Tory. What in the world does it matter how they vote—I mean so far as the principle is concerned—even if every vote went for one or the other party? I didn't intend to vote at all in this election, as I agree with Miss Pankhurst that between Liberals and Conservatives there is not much to choose, as there are six of one and half a dozen of the other. But I think if voting Tory would help the women my vote is at their service."

WALTHAMSTOW.

RESULT.	
Sir J. Simon (L.)	16,673
Mr. Stanley Johnson (C.)	13,907
Liberal majority	2,766

The Suffragettes, when they undertook the battle in Walthamstow, knew that they had to face not only the very great popularity of Sir John Simon, which has very much increased since the last election, and the pride of the constituency in being represented by a Cabinet Minister, but also the doubt in the ranks of the opposition as to whether the seat ought to be contested at all; and the opinion was general that the majority in Sir John Simon's constituency would be very largely increased. The result was that, in spite of Suffragette opposition, which detached a very large number of votes, this expectation was fulfilled.

The Final Days.

The hearty reception given to the Suffragettes everywhere during the campaign, and the overwhelming majorities by which the resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities for the Conciliation Bill was carried, again and again showed that, even where the men did not go all the length of voting against the Liberal candidate, the women's demand for enfranchisement was fully endorsed. On Saturday, which was a great suffrage day, a magnificent procession marched through the streets of Walthamstow, rousing tremendous interest, and in the theatre, which was packed with an audience of some 4,000 people, many others being turned away for want of room, and although it was evident that strong supporters of the Liberal party were present, the resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities was passed with only five dissentients.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence appealed to the Liberal voters to see that their leaders were truly Liberal also. She called upon all true Liberals to-day to save the party and bring it back to its old principles.

Miss Pankhurst pointed out clearly that by blindly voting for party, men lost half the value of their votes. She warned the electors that the Liberal party would again have the experience of years in the wilderness if they were allowed to go on acting in an unconstitutional way and delaying the will of the people.

Mrs. Pankhurst spoke of sweated women and instancing the case of the little girl messengers who are to be paid less than the boys, she said: "Why, that one fact should be enough to turn the election."

Splendid work has been done by the men, and Mr. Victor Duval addressed a well-attended and successful meeting in the Conway Hall last Saturday afternoon.

What about Tory Gold?

The insult sometimes thrown at the Suffragettes that the woman's cause is subsidised by the Tory party had another nail knocked in its coffin at Walthamstow. One evening's meeting brought in £7 and another £5 in two-penny seats, and at the latter an additional £3 was taken in the collection.

In this way over £6 has been subscribed in Walthamstow by tickets for admission to the meetings and by collections. Hundreds and thousands of pennies have passed through the hands of the by-election organisers. This supplies one proof of the more, if another proof were needed, of the way this Votes for Women movement has won home to the very hearts of the people.

As one instance of the impression produced, we print the following:

"H. L." of Walthamstow, has written to Miss Pankhurst:—"I am a Liberal, but I have to-day recorded my vote against the Government and written to both candidates and to the Prime Minister informing them of my action. In taking this course I have acted on the advice which you gave in your splendidly reasoned speech of Friday last, which secured several converts among my friends."

IMPORTANT!

No Time to Lose.

The Testimonial Fund for Mrs. Elmy will be closed on November 12. The fund at the present moment stands at £320; it must reach £500 before the 12th, so that all members and readers who want to avail themselves of the great privilege of expressing their tribute of honour and gratitude to Mrs. Elmy must do so without delay, lest the opportunity be lost. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. Martindale, Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

L.C.C. AND BOY COOKS.

We are glad to be able to state that the London County Council is not differentiating in favour of boy cooks, as we stated a little while ago on the strength of an announcement in the Press. It is true that the L.C.C. have opened cookery classes which are confined to boys, but they have also other special classes equally good for teaching cookery to girls.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

The Aberdeen Trades Council has been taking up the cause of factory girls at the Broadford Works, where contract work is done for the Government. The chairman pointed out that the girls received 7s. 7d. and 8s. 2d. per week in wages, the maximum being 9s. Last year the company paid a dividend of something like 10 per cent., while women were working fifty-four and fifty-five hours a week. Some of them were about thirty years of age and were working for 7s. 6d. a week. Mr. Alexander Catto also referred to conditions at the mills in very drastic terms. The whole case is a strong proof of the need for Women's Votes. Trade unions force the Government to insert a special clause with regard to the wages of men in Government contracts, but there is no such pressure in the case of women. Until women have direct Parliamentary representation these things will go on.

THE LAST STRAW.

If members of Parliament were paid women would have to contribute as well as men, whether they agreed with it or not. At present they contributed to the handsome salaries of Cabinet Ministers, and those same Ministers actually refused to see a deputation of women who desired to represent their wishes and claims. But the question of the payment of members was the last straw on the camel's back as far as the women were concerned. The Suffragettes were determined that they would not contribute out of their pockets to the salaries of members until they were represented by those members and those men to whom the salaries were to be paid. She had always understood that if there was one thing a man detested more than another it was being dependent on women; but she had now come to the conclusion that there were a large number of men who didn't at all mind living on money subscribed by women.

—MRS. PANKHURST at New Brighton.

WHEN?

The teaching of infant care, which was becoming an increasingly important subject, was one to which the Board of Education was giving very earnest attention, said Mr. Runciman at Dowlby on Monday. But why not ask the women—the mothers of the race—to help? The women of the country are tired of this one-sided attempt to tackle problems which affect men and women alike. Why does not Mr. Runciman help to break down the sex barrier and give women the chance to do their share? Mr. Runciman said a great deal about what he thinks constitutes the "perfect wife and mother." When is he going to give the women the chance of saying at the polls what they think?

CRABBED AGEA ND YOUTH."

The young Turkish women have got into trouble! They are actually going about with their faces uncovered, shopping like Western women, and having tea (or coffee) in public! And the old Turks are shocked and have published an appeal thus:—"If you wish to be true to the Islam you must not show your naked face to the believers and unbelievers."

It is generally observed that when you enter a shop you tarry there for a very long time, enjoying yourselves among the many-coloured textiles as if you were in a garden full of flowers! What is still worse, you chat with the shopkeepers . . . except from them many a filjean (cup without handle) of coffee. . . . We call on you to give up such detestable habits, and to return to the modesty and simplicity of the women of the true faith!"

Young Man (wistfully): But don't you really look up to us men as being superior to you women?

Paper Seller (promptly): Oh, yes. When we meet brains and nobility of character we are delighted to look up to you. But, unfortunately, many of you are not great enough, and we can't look up to you just because you are men."

MANCHESTER DEMANDS THE BILL.

Manchester has followed the lead of Dublin, Glasgow, and other big centres. After a full debate, and by a majority of 43 votes to 10, the City Council has resolved to petition Parliament in favour of granting facilities for the third reading of the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Thewlis pointed out that there were a number of precedents for the course he asked them to take. The Council had already, on five previous occasions, passed a resolution petitioning the Houses of Parliament to give Parliamentary votes to women. After stating the case for the resolution, Mr. Thewlis spoke in very high terms of the work of women councillors. "Surely," he said, "women who are able to come into this Council and discuss the city's affairs should be allowed to vote at a Parliamentary election." The fact that this simple right was still refused showed an amount of backwardness which he thought it was time to end.

Dr. Fletcher, who seconded the resolution, emphasised the fact that it did not ask the Council, even if they possessed the power, to give the franchise to women. It did not even ask the Council to request the House of Commons to do that. All that it asked was that the Council should petition the House of Commons to give the question fair play.

Mr. Hailwood, in supporting the resolution, said that while the Council was representative of the people, members of Parliament were not representative of the people, but only of the men; consequently the Council had a stronger claim to ask for fair play. He thought it was a reasonable request.

Sir William Vaudrey also supported the resolution, and in doing so said he was approving of the measure itself. He was in favour of women having the right to vote for Parliamentary candidates on the same terms as men. The Council had passed a resolution on similar terms to the one now supported in 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874, and in his opinion the Government would be very glad to know the feeling of large corporations such as Manchester, Dublin, Glasgow, and Dundee.

Miss Margaret Ashton said that all they asked was that the Bill should have a fair field and no favour. They wanted a straight vote on the question. If the House of Commons said "No," the supporters of the measure would begin again, but they believed that it would say "Yes." It was nothing but the Government now that stood in the way. They had said that the measure should have a fair chance this year, but now they pleaded that there was not time. They had wasted much time during the summer, and it was not fair that they should raise the pia of waste of time now. They asked that the City Council should pass this resolution because its members represented women.

Mr. Thewlis briefly replied, and the resolution, on being put to the vote, was carried, and the result was greeted with cheers.

PRESS COMMENTS.

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."

"The Manchester City Council yesterday gave even more substantial support than had been expected to the enfranchisement of women—for though the discussion was not formally on the general question, nor even on the intrinsic merits of the Conciliation Bill, every vote for Mr. Thewlis's motion was, we think, a vote in intention for women's suffrage. The majority—35 in a meeting of 53—was so great as to render it incredible that on a full poll there would be anything but a large majority in favour of the suffrage, and every party in the Council was represented by one or more of its leaders among the speakers for the resolution. Thus Manchester does decisively what Glasgow, Dublin, and Dundee have done before, and these municipal declarations are particularly weighty and significant because municipal bodies know better than any others what a mixed electorate means and what it wishes. Any technical objections offered to the discussion of the topic by the Council were easily disposed of by the precedents cited by Sir William Vaudrey and Mr. Thewlis in their admirable speeches; and the earnestness of the speakers, as well as the size of the majority, will probably surprise and impress many people who had even yet scarcely realised the amount of driving power that there now is behind the suffrage, quite apart from organisations created specially for this purpose and from individuals whose role or chief political interest is in the movement."

We hope that the Government will not ignore this evidence of popular favour.

—*The Nation*

The action of a number of the leading Town Councils in the three kingdoms this autumn affords remarkable evidence of the near approach of public opinion to unanimity on the question of woman suffrage.

—*Daily News*

The Government knows now that Manchester is in line with Dublin, Glasgow, Dundee, and other large towns. Manchester's message to the Government is to afford facilities for completing the work the House of Commons advanced so far a few months since. The completion is

called for in justice to a large number of persons as well qualified to vote for a Parliamentary representative as they are to vote for municipal candidates. It is also claimed in the public interest, and a settlement would certainly be a vast relief to politicians and statesmen.

—*Northern Daily Telegraph*.

Among the many kinds of support given to the Conciliation Suffrage Bill perhaps the most striking is the action of town councils. . . . Town councils are usually reluctant to take up political questions, but this is a non-party Bill, and clearly it encounters even less opposition in the country than it did in the House. Town councils have this good reason for intervening—that they are the directly elected representatives of women, and precisely of those women who will be enfranchised by this Bill.

—*Manchester Guardian*.

A HINT FROM AMERICA.

Congressman A. W. Rucker, of Colorado, is planning to call his Bill for equal suffrage out of committee at the next session of Congress. Under the new rules, a Bill which has lain in committee for three months can be got out by means of a motion from the introducer. Judge Rucker means to force the measure to a vote. What a pity that this cannot be done in the British Parliament! If so, there would be no more "militancy."

—*Woman's Journal (Boston)*.

REGRETS.

Women Liberals at the annual Conference of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union, at Rochdale expressed keen regret that in spite of deputations and resolutions, the Prime Minister had not yet agreed to provide facilities for the Conciliation Bill. A resolution urging the Government to grant facilities was proposed, and it was decided to send a personal letter to Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill, regretting that they could not see their way to support the Bill now before the country. Suffragists are wondering how long women Liberals will be content merely to regret. Deeds, not words!

POLITICAL DOORMATS.

The party women hold the key to the enfranchisement of women. If they continue to make political doormats of themselves, supporting members who support measures introduced by a Government that flouts the opinion of the House, they are directly responsible for the political degradation of women.

—*The Woman Voter (Melbourne)*.

DEEDS, NOT WORDS!

"It seems incredible that any body of women could wish to crush a movement which is for the well-being of the whole human race. When we see, we feel; when we feel, we act. Our cause is one that strikes down to the very springs of life; it is the integral part of Christianity, the greatest cause we can stand up for."

—*Mrs. Cecil Chapman, at Memorial Hall*.

Small Boy: "Votes for Women!"
Suffragette (having forgotten her badge): "How do you know?"
Small Boy: "I can tell by yer smiling face!"

RESOLUTION.

That this Meeting declares its support of the Woman Suffrage Bill, which has passed its second reading by 110 votes—a majority larger than that accorded to the Government's Vote Resolution. The Meeting further calls upon the Government to bow to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives in the House of Commons, and to provide the facilities necessary to enable the Bill to pass into law before the end of this year. Copies of this resolution when passed at meetings should be sent to the local M.P. and the Prime Minister. They may also be sent to members of the Cabinet. Those responsible are asked to note that all communications sent to Cabinet Ministers' private addresses are stamped, otherwise excess postage is charged.

A WALTHAMSTOW STREET MEETING.

The darkness falls and the autumn evening is chilly, but round the lorry of the Suffragettes there is the same interested crowd. She is speaking under difficulties: at one side are the passing trains, at the other a public-house which is well patronised, and in the front is the noisy street. Yet she holds her own, and the crowd grows ever larger. Ill-natured hecklers are soon silenced by sympathisers. "You shut up, unless you're going to ask a civil question," says one man to another. "Oh, you're one of them," sneers the second man. "Well, I've been listening to them a lot," says the first, "and I can't help agreeing with them." And a woman joins in and shows she has grasped the policy splendidly: "Yes, I'm with you," she says, "and I wish you could start a regular office down here. You'd get a lot of support." A delightful instance of opposition without argument was the old man who contradicted flatly until the indignant crowd told him to go away. "Yes, I'm going away," he said, shuffling off, "but it's all lies she's telling."

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GEMS OF ORATORY.

Some very amusing things from the Suffragist's point of view were said by Lord Cromer and the other speakers at the Anti-Suffrage meeting at Manchester last Thursday. Here are a few of the more sparkling gems from the Anti-Suffragists' treasure-house of oratory as reported in the Press:

"I regard women as superior to men, and therefore I don't like to see them trying to become men's equals."

The ignorance of men electors was artificial experience, while the ignorance of the woman elector would remain a constitutional matter of her sex and could not be swept away in the way they would in the future sweep away the ignorance of men electors.

—Miss Violet Markham.

Extreme sentimentality, vague and undisciplined sympathies, hasty generalisation based on inexperience or on imperfect information . . . were qualities characteristic of a majority of the female sex, and sufficient of themselves to disqualify women from directing the policy of an Imperial people.

—Earl Cromer.

A PRESS COMMENT.

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."

The chief speakers at last night's anti-suffrage meeting in the Free Trade Hall seem to have suffered—owing, perhaps, to a little delay in Lord Cromer's arrival—from not being able to show each other the texts of their speeches beforehand. Miss Violet Markham contended vivaciously that women were much too good to have votes, and Lord Cromer contended with equal vivacity that they were not good enough. Miss Markham thought that to enfranchise women would be like setting Derby winners to draw coal carts. "Gregory, o' my word, we'll not carry coals," says a person of exalted spirit in 'Romeo and Juliet,' and in the same disdainful terms does Miss Markham decline the contaminating journey to the nearest polling-station. How different are the basic convictions of Lord Cromer! 'Extreme sentimentality, vague and undisciplined sympathies, hasty generalisation based on inexperience or on imperfect information'—these, he thought, were characteristic of a majority of the female sex. Lord Cromer's coals, in fact, didn't the Derby winners. Miss Markham rather augustly waves aside the ordinary round of politics as a somewhat low business, only fit for men; she 'expects claptrap of a man' and seems to think it the natural dialect of politicians, whereas she 'regards women as superior to men' and expects women 'to stand for a higher and more spiritual side of public life.' Lord Cromer makes no secret of his contempt for this theory of the higher female efficiency. Between them these two speeches really sum up very well the somewhat confused case against women's suffrage. That case rests, to the extent of about one-half, on an extravagant idealisation of women as creatures too bright and good for human nature's daily politics, and, to the extent of about another half, on an extravagant underestimate of their sanity and their moral capacity. Hence the motley regiments of ardent sentimentalists mixed with robustious materialists and virilists that the anti-suffrage movement momentarily collects on the same parade-ground. When the sentimentalists get their feet down to the earth, and the materialists cease to lie at full length on it, they will all make very good recruits for women's suffrage. Perhaps it is only fair to add that while Miss Markham disowned on the superiority of women and Lord Cromer expounded their inferiority, both said, almost in identical terms, that there was 'no question of superiority or inferiority.' So that, if each did contradict the other, at any rate both contradicted themselves as flatly and achieved a momentary agreement in admitting that at any rate the comparisons they had drawn were not what they wanted to say."

QUEEN VICTORIA'S VIEWS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Sir,—Whilst last Friday's speech by Lord Cromer is more interesting as an unconscious revelation of the real anti-suffragist sex bias, with which I do not here propose to deal, will you allow me to refer to his alleged quotation from Queen Victoria, viz.:

"I am most anxious to enlist everyone who can speak or write to join in checking this mad folly of woman's rights. We women are not made for governing."

Now the last seven words, quite unconnected with the others made use of by Lord Cromer, occur in a letter dated, February 3, 1852, addressed by Queen Victoria to her uncle, the King of the Belgians.

"Albert grows daily fonder and fonder of politics and business, and he is so wonderfully fit for both—such perspicacity and such courage—and I grow daily to dislike them both more and more. We women are not made for government—and if we are good women, we must dislike these masculine occupations; but there are times which force one to take interest in them, and yet how fit, and of course I do, intensely."

Fifteen years before (June 25, 1837) the Queen had written as follows, also to her uncle:

"I have seen almost all my other Ministers, and do regular hard, but *delightful*, work with them. It is to me the greatest pleasure to do

my duty for my country and my people, and no fatigue, however great, will be burdensome to me if it is for the welfare of the nation."

And again (March 23, 1858), she wrote:

"My dearest Uncle,—Good Maria (afterwards Queen of the Belgians) has not answered me. Will you remind her? I did tell her I hoped for her child's sake she would give up the nursing, as we Princesses had other duties to perform. I hope she was not shocked, but I felt I only did what was right in telling her so."

The suffrage cause does not depend in the slightest upon any individual's approval or disapproval, but it is proper that people should understand exactly the nature and objective of Queen Victoria's words, apart altogether from the consideration of any views she may have formed during the earlier period of her reign.

Yours, etc.,
CHARLES B. MASON.
Glasgow.

"A Regular Reader" writes to point out that the most sensible and important fact embodied in Earl Cromer's speech was the recognition of the many injustices imposed upon voiceless women. He adds: "None of the speakers offered a remedy, or tried to prevent a national grievance."

SEVEN MILES OF POLICE.

The *Devon and Exeter Express and Echo* says in reporting Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Devonshire:—"Some expectation was felt that Exeter Suffragists might intend to take the opportunity of a Cabinet Minister being in their midst to press home the women's claims. Local Suffragettes, however, pointed out to a representative of the *Express and Echo* that, as they now have a large body of statesmen fighting on their behalf in the House of Commons itself their militant policy is at present in abeyance. The right hon. gentleman was not, however, suffered to pass through the city entirely without reminder of the matter. A telegram awaited the arrival of the train. The text ran: 'To Mr. Lloyd George,—Exeter Liberal Suffragists indignant at your betrayal of the Women's Cause.' Mr. Lloyd George was also asked to receive a deputation of local Suffragists on his way home on Monday." Although requested by letter, and by a prepaid telegram, no answer was sent by Mr. Lloyd George. The *Express and Echo* published a copy of the letter to Mr. Lloyd George, signed by Miss Amy Montague, Hon. Sec., W.S.P.U., as well as a letter in which Miss Montague pointed out the courtesy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in failing to reply.

We are also informed that policemen waited on the road for seven miles outside the city for Mr. Lloyd George's motor-car.

THREE PRESS COMMENTS.

Interesting to compare the blunt utterance of the Premier to a deputation of Suffragists with the hopeful and comforting words of Mr. Birrell. When the ladies who were cheered by the words of Mr. Birrell in Ireland come to read what Mr. Asquith said in Scotland, it is just possible that they may feel that somehow or other Radical Ministers are merely teasing them and having a laugh at their expense.

—*Midland Evening News*.

Mr. Birrell will probably remember Grey-stones as the place where he was between the Suffragists and the deep sea, though the humour of such a position can scarcely have appealed to him.

—*Cork Examiner*.

In another column we report the speech Mrs. Pankhurst made at the town hall on Wednesday, and her arguments are sufficiently convincing to be left to themselves; but, candidly, we believe that in spite of all that has been said for the past fifty years on the subject, the vast majority of people do not know what a just thing it is that is being asked. It is simply that women who are householders—viz., the women who can vote next Tuesday in the municipal elections, shall be allowed also to vote in Parliamentary elections. This is all that is asked for, and is such a simple matter of justice that it is a mystery that politicians should fight against it in a way that seems really absurd. For any party to refuse it because they fancy the majority of the women are of an opposite party is cowardly and also foolish, because women householders are of all classes and as divided in politics as men.

—*Dover Express*.

THE CHAIN MAKERS.

The success of this strike is another proof of the fighting power of women in a noble cause. They have triumphed because they have been true to each other, and because they were fighting against conditions of life which were brutal and inhuman.

—*Christian Commonwealth*.

Suffragette: VOTES FOR WOMEN, one penny!
Male Sympathiser: I'll have a copy, Miss, I want to take it home to my grandmother. She is 101 to-day.

S.: How interesting! I hope she'll live to have a vote.

M. S.: Yes, so do I.

S.: Is she interested in the movement?

M. S.: Yes, rather; I should just think she is!

Married women are between Scylla and Charybdis—they cannot go out to work and cannot claim maintenance from their husbands.

—Miss M. V. C. Brackenbury at Falmouth.

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The book cannot be judged by the standards of realism. It is not an ordinary novel. It is a poem. It is a vision. The story is but the crystal cup that holds the precious wine of wisdom's deepest and sweetest lore. The wonder of it is that by some magic spell all his own, Mr. Maurice Hewlett is able to present his vision in very flesh and blood. The tale of Senhouse and Sanchia might have been told in a fable like the well-known fables of Greek mythology; it might have been told by an imaginary visitor to another planet. But though these two are children of the gods obedient to their own law rather than to the law of society, yet they are real and human as we are, they are warmly, vividly alive. Wandering on the Wiltshire Downs we might, it seems to us, at any time meet Senhouse face to face and talk to him as a man talketh to his friend—Senhouse "of the clear, long-enduring, searching eyes, and that strange look of second sight upon him which those only have who live apart from men, under the sky."

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Part of the joy of the book is the beautiful diction; the words are strung together like pearls. And the Vision of the moment is stamped on the imagination with extraordinary power. Who, for instance, can resist the glamour of the following description?

In a sheltered hollow, some hundred feet below the level at which they were, a hooded figure in pure white was startlingly splashed upon the grey-brown of the dry hills. The peak of a cowl shot straight above his head, and the curtains of it covered his face. He sat squatting upon the turf, with a lifted hand, admonishing. About him, with cocked ears and quick side glances, were some six or seven hares, some reared on their haunches, some with sleek heads, intent upon the herbage, one lopping here and there in quest, but none out of range of a quick hand. Above his head, high in the blue, birds were wheeling—now up, now down. Peewits tumbling heavily, pigeons with beating wings, sailing jacks, daws; higher yet, serene in rarity, a brown kestrel soared the sky.

Senhouse and Sanchia are sojourners by chance upon this earth. Their communion is elsewhere, their relation with mankind is temporary. The spheres that govern us govern not them, and their conduct is dictated by their own law and not by the law of human society. To those who belong wholly to this world their story may be without significance. But to those who are conscious of drawing life from sources other than those of this world it opens a vision and a vista. From the deep, winding valley which runs its turfy way between the breasts of the Wiltshire ridge of chalk there floats to our inward ear a tune played as it were upon enchanted pipes—a melody that we have not heard, since our feet strayed far from home, and we were lost upon this planet.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

ABOUT WOMEN.

What men have said about women, in prose and verse, has a special interest at the present time, and although, in this dainty little anthology, women are still on the pedestal upon which writers of all ages have combined to place them, the extravagance of much that is quoted is counterbalanced by many beautiful thoughts. Here is a choice extract.

She that would raise a noble love, must find
Ways to beget a passion for her mind;
She must be that which she is to be would seem;
For all true love is grounded in esteem.

Plainness and truth gain more a generous heart
Than all the crooked subtleties of art.

Buckingham.

Suffragettes should keep this dainty little book by them, for refreshment after the day's work.

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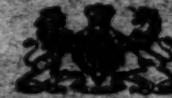
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THE MAID OF SARAGOSSA.

By Emily Wilding Davison, B.A.

One of the threadbare arguments brought against giving the vote to women in the past has been the old contention that women cannot vote because they cannot fight. The upholders of this theory apparently choose to forget that some of the bravest deeds in the world's glory-roll have been performed by women. They forget Boadicea, in English history, the Maid of Orleans in French history, Kate Douglas the Bar Lass in Scottish history, and the Maid of Saragossa in Spanish history.

Agostina of Saragossa is the pride of Aragon and Spain for her heroism in the Peninsular War. Napoleon Bonaparte was by this time the terror and scourge of Europe. Having partitioned most of Europe amongst his brothers, he wanted the crown of Spain for Joseph Bonaparte. He had forced Charles IV. and his son Ferdinand to abdicate, and Joseph had entered Madrid. But some of the Spaniards were resolved to resent this move of the European tyrant to the last, and amongst them were the proud Aragonese, who chose Joseph Palafox as their leader, and in May, 1808, declared war against Napoleon in the name of freedom. General Lefebre was sent out to deal with the Aragonese. With his disciplined troops he gained three small victories over them at Tudela, Mallen and Alagon, and then advanced on Saragossa. The French anticipated an easy triumph, for Saragossa was practically an unfortified town, the number of inhabitants was 60,000, and they had only 500 soldiers, 16 ill-mounted guns, and a few muskets, and 100 dollars in the Treasury. One factor, however, the French had not taken into consideration—that the Aragonese were filled with a holy love of liberty, and also they had mistaken their natural quietness and calmness for stupidity. On June 14, a small party of French, full of insolence, entered the City. To their surprise, they met with a furious resistance, and were driven back. Next day the enemy delivered a bigger attack, and the Aragonese, although they drove them back, began to understand that a siege was imminent.

The brave Saragossans set to work with a will, made sandbag fortifications, and put beams endways together against the houses at a slope so as to afford some shelter. This was the time when the Saragossans began to prove their worth. Women of all ranks came forward, led by the beautiful young Countess Burita, and formed themselves into companies for tending the wounded, and for carrying water, wine, and provisions to the defenders. This high-born delicate dame was seen in the midst of the hottest fire coolly carrying out her duties, and so she behaved, and those with her, during the whole two months of the siege. The women's courage and coolness nerved the men to greater efforts.

A terrible cannonade was directed on the Portillo and a large building near it, both without the walls, and it was at this stage of the siege that the Maid of Saragossa performed her immortal deed. As one of the Countess' corps she had to go to the Portillo to carry provisions to the defenders. The carnage was terrible, and Agostina, a handsome young peasant girl of 22, was approaching the battery when she saw her lover, a young artilleryman, and all his comrades killed under her very eyes. The gun was left without a single gunner. The terror-stricken citizens hesitated for a moment. The French troops were advancing rapidly. Not one second did Agostina hesitate. Snatching the lighted match from the hand of her dead lover she sprang on to the gun, and vowed that she would not leave it alive while a Frenchman remained before Saragossa. She rammed the charge home, and the advancing enemy received a terrible volley from the 26 pounder at 10 paces distance. This was too much for them; moreover, the Saragossans, shamed by the girl's bravery, returned with vigour to the attack and drove the French headlong out of the city. But again and again they marched in. Lefebre was furious at the stubborn resistance of a foe that he had despised.

Agostina continued her self-imposed task of artilleryman. From August 4th onwards the fighting was carried on in the streets, the French having taken some of the buildings. The determination with which men, women, and children fought was something Titanic. The streets were filled with dead, whom French prisoners had to bury. The arrival of reinforcements under the brother of Palafox, the news of the French defeats at Baylen and Valencia, and the evacuation of Madrid by Joseph Bonaparte, together with the indomitable resistance of the Saragossans disheartened the French, and on August 14th the enemy retreated to Pamplona.

With the greatest joy, Palafox purified the town, proclaimed Ferdinand king and rewarded the heroes. Among them came Agostina, who was publicly thanked, promoted to the rank of a sub-lieutenant of artillery and awarded a pension for life. On the sleeve of her gown she always wore a small shield of honour embroidered with the word Saragossa. She continued helping to defend her country, and she was seen a year later by an English witness serving with her battery in Andalusia. Both Lord Byron and Mr. W. Jacob, M.P., saw her at Seville wearing a blue military tunic with one epaulette, over a short skirt, and we also hear that she was present when Lord Wellesley entered Seville and was welcomed by the Juntas.

She lived full of honour and glory till 1857, and so greatly have her descendants praised her valour that the magnificent monument recently erected to commemorate the siege of Saragossa is adorned by her figure at its summit. In the grand words of Southey of the Saragossans: "They performed their duty; they redeemed their sons from the yoke; they left an example to the country never to be forgotten." It is inspiring to think that these words apply as much, if not more, to the women of Saragossa and especially to her, of whom Byron wrote:

"Scarce would you deem that Saragossa's tower
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THE ONLY WAY.

It was not to be expected that the announcement of a deputation to go to Westminster failing the provision of facilities for the Conciliation Bill would bring forth no remonstrance. Although the call to action is having an enthusiastic and even joyful response from the members of the Women's Social and Political Union, there are people outside our ranks who express their dissent. They do not, apparently, deny that the conciliation movement came into being as the result of the militant campaign of the past. Whom, indeed, was it the intention to conciliate, if not the Government on the one hand and militant Suffragists on the other? The whole effort of the Conciliation Committee was to bring about peace between these two contending factions, the conditions of this peace being the abandonment of militancy by Suffragettes, and the withdrawal of their Anti-Suffrage policy by the Government.

To peace on these terms the Conciliation Committee have already secured the assent of the Suffragettes, but the assent of the Government they have not secured. Therefore the breakdown of the Conciliation Committee's negotiations, which will be signalled by the Government's refusal to make a way for the Bill, will obviously render it necessary for militancy to be resumed until the Government have been brought to a more yielding mood. Then will come the moment when it is possible for the Conciliation Committee to complete

their magnificent work. That work they are powerless to complete unless and until the Government are finally persuaded that a refusal to give votes to women involves inconvenience and difficulty greater than they wish to face. To rid themselves of such inconvenience and difficulty, created by the militant movement, they will, if not to-day then hereafter, be prepared to concede the vote to women.

It is well for us militant Suffragists to carry the war of criticism into the enemy's camp by challenging our critics to unfold to us, instead of a destructive attack upon our methods, a constructive plan of campaign. Since the second reading of the Conciliation Bill, reliance has, by militant and non-militant Suffragists alike, been placed entirely upon the holding of great meetings and other such peaceful measures. If the Government ignores this peaceful campaign by refusing facilities to the Bill (one Cabinet Minister has already declared that public meetings carry no weight with him), what alternative method do the advocates of "constitutional" methods propose to adopt? The members of this Union know of none which is either effective or consistent with self-respect, save that of indignant and active protest.

It is significant that nearly all the opposition to our proposal to send a deputation to Westminster is based upon the consideration of expediency, and not upon moral grounds. The members of the Women's Social and Political Union are convinced that the action which they intend to take is not only politically expedient, but is also morally right. It is justified by the example of those to whose struggles in times past this country owes everything of liberty which it possesses. Thus, John Hampden, who is justly revered as the type and embodiment of all that is public spirited, not only offered passive resistance to authority by refusing to pay ship money, but also made active and armed resistance to the forces of the Crown.

A renewal of militancy is further justified by the teaching of great Statesmen. Gladstone and Bright are among those who have held it wrong to submit to unjust authority. Among Statesmen still living, we have had the Chancellor of the Exchequer declaring that the taint of subjection may be wiped out by rebellion, and Mr. Balfour proclaiming to certain of his countrymen—"I do not preach any doctrine of submission or non-resistance. You have had to fight for your liberties before; I pray God you may never have to fight for them again. I will not say, and I do not think that any rational or sober-minded man will say, that what is justifiable against a tyrannical king may not, under certain circumstances, be justifiable against a tyrannical majority."

And again, militancy is justified by the inward consciousness of mankind that it is right to destroy the false things that conceal the truth, that a law laid down by purely human authority must not restrain us from obedience to a law whose foundation is in justice.

Sophocles puts into the mouth of Antigone words which most magnificently express this point of view. Calling upon her sister Ismene to act with her in defiance of a royal decree, whose authority she does not recognise because it transgresses a law which she deems divine, she says:—

For who does the things that he [Creon] forbids,
For him there waits within the city's walls
The death of stoning. Thus, then, stands thy case;
And quickly thou wilt show if thou art born
Of noble nature, or degenerate liv'st.

And to this Ismene replies:—

How could I,
Or breaking law or keeping, aught avail?

This first we need remember, we were born
Women; as such, not made to strive with men.
And next, that they who reign surpass in strength,
And we must bow to this, and worse than this.

Antigone, unmoved in her resolve, breaks the law, and being arrested is brought before Creon, the King of Thebes. Asked by him, "And thou didst dare to disobey these laws?" she answers:—

Yes, for it was not Zeus who gave them forth,
Nor Justice, dwelling with the Gods below,
Who traced these laws for all the sons of men;
Nor did I deem thy edict strong enough;
That thou, a mortal man, shouldst over-pass
The unwritten laws of God that know not change.
They are not of to-day, nor yesterday,
But live for ever, nor can man assign
When first they sprang to being. Not through fear
Of any man's resolve was I prepared
Before the Gods to bear the penalty
Of sinning against these.

A great verity is held in these words—one that shines like a guiding star before the women of our deputation. In its light they are not afraid to tread under foot arbitrary laws of purely human origin that choke the way leading to right and justice.

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To the Editors of Votes for Women.

DEAR SIR,—I hope you will permit me (a member of the W.S.P.U.) to protest against such an article as "Fashions in Fur" being published in VOTES FOR WOMEN. Has the writer never heard or read of the horrors of the fur trade? If not, let her get some of the Humanitarian League's pamphlets on the subject. Every woman ought to be ashamed to be seen in fur. Suffragettes are fighting for the rights of women and therefore should remember that animals also have rights. It is not worthy of them to be clad in the garments of cruelty. When we have the Vote, I hope we shall help the cause of dumb animals more than men have done. In my humble opinion a woman clothed in skins, heads, and tails, is not fit for the Vote. If women don't realize this, men will be quick to do so.

Yours, etc.,
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CHIVALRY?

"Onlooker's" letter in our issue of October 21 has brought a number of letters from other correspondents who have had similar experiences. "Onlooker" related how "into a crowded Tube compartment, with only standing room left, came an elderly, tired-looking woman. She stood for a few moments, and then a young and charmingly pretty girl, growing very pink, got up and offered her seat. Not a man had moved before, but the moment they saw this girl, young and lovely, standing, one rose with much show of hat-lifting and a complacent smile and offered her his place. The incident struck me as a typical instance of that so-called chivalry we are told we shall see when we have the Vote!"

In last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN a "London Man" described the letter as a scandalous travesty of everyday fact and experience, and the occurrence as so remote and improbable that he challenged "Onlooker" to furnish particulars of time and place, and denied that the incident was typical. "Onlooker" writes to explain that she is sorry she can get no nearer chapter and verse than that the incident occurred on either the 11th or 12th of October, between the stations of South Kensington and High Street, at some time between 3.30 and 6 p.m., and that she used the word "typical" as applied to that so-called chivalry we are told we shall see when we have the Vote! She adds: "We women come across almost every day, instances of that genuine chivalry—a flame which burns steadily, without smoke, and needs no fanning; but the example I gave was of the spurious imitation."

"One Who Would Stand for the Aged of Either Sex," after relating two similar experiences, says:—"In fairness I must say that I have seen men give up their seats to aged people, but more often I have seen them sitting comfortably, while a woman old enough to be their mother has had to stand. Personally I do not like a man to give up his seat for me. I am strong enough to fight my own battles."

"E. W." also tells two almost similar experiences, and adds:—"Chivalry is not a question of sex: it is a natural and human expression of protective care for those weaker and more handicapped than ourselves. Surely old people and burdened mothers should call forth our chivalrous instincts—without distinction of sex on either side."

Miss M. Cossens, after relating a similar experience, says:—"I am glad to think that 'London Man' is not typical in his unchivalrous suggestion that 'Onlooker' is uttering 'wild prevarications' in her letter of October 21."

After relating a similar experience in a motor bus, M. Crosby Smith says:—"My

explanation is that class will do for class what it will not do for another class. The three men who offered me their seats after I had given up mine to a poor woman were more wishful to accommodate me, a woman of their own middle class, than the poorly-dressed working woman. Such scenes are quite common to people travelling in London."

"M. A. B." says:—"Remotely improbable" as it may seem to unenlightened "London Man," I have stood the whole journey from Surbiton to Vauxhall with many men sitting in the carriage."

Mrs. Ward Higgs and others relate experiences which tally in all particulars with "Onlooker's," and many of our correspondents indignantly protest against the imputation in the letter of "London Man" that "Onlooker's" story was untrue. One, who describes herself as an elderly, grey-haired woman, defines chivalry as having for its basis "strength helping weakness."

[This correspondence must now close.—Ed. VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

FREEING THE SLAVES.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir,—In the convincing article in VOTES FOR WOMEN, "Women's Part in Freeing the Slaves," by E. W. Davison, the name of Fanny Kemble deserved mention. She married Mr. Pierce Butler, a man of good social position who had large estates in South Carolina. After witnessing the horrors of slavery she declined to live in luxury on wealth so acquired, though obliged to give up her children and return to the stage, which she loathed. This noble resolve she adhered to through a long life of hardship, dying in England at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. Canon Leigh, January 17, 1893.—Yours etc.,

M. E. TAISON.

Holmwood, Clapham Common.

JUST WHAT THEY WANTED.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir,—I would like to say what a splendid medium our paper is for advertising. I know of several people who have advertised in the classified columns, and they have one and all speedily obtained just what they wanted.

Yours etc.,
GABRIELLE JEFFERY.

OUR PAPER.

The Rev. Anna Shaw writes from New York:—"In our national headquarters we look eagerly every week for your paper, VOTES FOR WOMEN. I cannot tell you how much we enjoy reading it."

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir,—You will be glad to hear that after Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's splendid address on Oct. 22 some of the strongest Antis of Bournemouth have come and joined us, and we have had many callers at the office, saying how immensely they enjoyed it.—Yours, etc.,

GWENLLIAN LEWIS, Hon. Sec.
W.S.P.U., 221, Old Christchurch Road,
Bournemouth.

THE NEXT STEP.

The number of women wishing for the honour of going with Mrs. Pankhurst, on November 22, on the deputation, should one be necessary, to the Prime Minister, is rapidly increasing, and every post brings the names of new volunteers. From among a very large number of letters to Mrs. Pankhurst the following have been selected as typical:

"I shall be happy to join the deputation of women to Westminster if necessary, and sincerely hope that thousands of other women will do the same. Now is the time for the long, long pull, and every woman should help in this noble cause, which I feel sure must succeed in the end."

"I shall be very proud to follow your lead in the next deputation if the necessity arises."

"If the Bill is wrecked, I will join you all if I can, but I have a business to look after and a child to keep. I have no husband, and, of course, strangers are no good to leave a business with. But if I can get a friend to stay I will come with pleasure, as I know it is for a good cause."

"I wish from the bottom of my heart that I could offer myself as one of the deputation on November 22, but I am not my own mistress and cannot get away. I am sure many women are in the same position, or your ranks would have been filled to overflowing long ago."

"I am 75 years of age and very, very fragile, but if I belonged to myself alone I would respond joyfully to your appeal; the idea of personal risk would have no weight with me."

"I should consider it an honour to join you, and the brave and devoted women who strive for freedom, but I am 75 years of age next birthday, and very feeble, and it is impossible for me to attend."

"Some who, by reason of very advanced age or heavy responsibility towards others, feel themselves unable to join the deputation, are sending money contributions and promises to serve the Union by increasing the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and in other ways.—Ed. VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Suffragettes all over the country must feel proud at the strides made in the woman's movement. The end of the fight is almost in view, and it only remains now for women to stand united, and with one last determined effort force the door so long closed against them.

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute. What you can do, or dream you can, begin it."

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Members who were present at last Thursday's meeting at the Memorial Hall and heard Miss Christabel Pankhurst's appeal for paper sellers will not need another reminder, but to those who were absent, and especially those who have joined the Union within the last few months, a most urgent appeal is made. Whether the time is almost at an end or not, propaganda work must go on, and this is best achieved by an increased circulation of the paper. There are hundreds of members in the Union who are debared from taking part in militant work, but they mind not standing idle. In London especially more sellers are needed, and now that the Walsham election is over, it is hoped that the old sellers will return to their pitches and bring with them the new workers they have met. A poster parade will start this (Friday) morning at 11 a.m. from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road. Poster parades are a splendid form of advertisement, and it is hoped that this, the first since the by-election campaign, will be a large and imposing one. Volunteers for paper selling and parades should send in their names to Miss Almsworth, 156, Charing Cross Road.

The Speaker's Club commences to-night (Friday). Particulars will be found on page 77.

Posters and handbills for advertising the Albert Hall meeting can be obtained free from Miss Keir, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The former may be had in the following sizes: 30 ins. by 20 ins.; window posters, 20 ins. by 14 ins.; and a large poster, 50 ins. by 36 ins. suitable for shop windows, may also be had, price 6d. Please state size of poster required when ordering.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hefford, 54, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

Members are asked to make a point of being present on November 8 (see programme), and to bring friends. Will all intending to be present at the Whist Drive on November 19, please let the secretary know by November 15. The Sunday afternoon meetings have been closed for the season.

CHELSEA, KENSAL TOWN, AND BATTERSEA.

Shop and Office—206, King's Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

All efforts must now be concentrated on making the Albert Hall meeting a success. Tickets and leaflets for distribution can be had from the shop. Members are greatly needed for this work. Mrs. Dahl will be the hostess at the afternoon tea on Friday from 4 to 5.30. Gratefully acknowledged: Countess Leiningen, 21, 6d.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

November.			
Friday, 4.	Brondbury Road.....	156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Chelsea, Manor Street.....	156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.....	11 a.m.
"	4, Clements Inn, W.C.....	4, Clements Inn, W.C.....	8.30 p.m.
"	Crouch End, Park Chapel Debating Society.....	Crouch End, Park Chapel Debating Society.....	7.45 p.m.
"	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	8 p.m.
"	905, Fulham Road.....	905, Fulham Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road.....	Harlesden, Manor Park Road.....	1 p.m.
"	Harvey Road, Sutherland Avenue.....	Harvey Road, Sutherland Avenue.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Hornsey Road, Seven Sisters Road.....	Hornsey Road, Seven Sisters Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Kilburn, Measles Avenue.....	Kilburn, Measles Avenue.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Stratford, The Grove.....	Stratford, The Grove.....	8 p.m.
"	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway.....	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway.....	8 p.m.
"	Battersea, Alltwells Road.....	Battersea, Alltwells Road.....	8 p.m.
"	100, Hammersmith Road.....	100, Hammersmith Road.....	2.30 p.m.
"	Hendon, The Bell.....	Hendon, The Bell.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Hilford, Ballou's Road.....	Hilford, Ballou's Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Islington, Jones Brothers, Holloway Road.....	Islington, Jones Brothers, Holloway Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Lewisham, Shop.....	Lewisham, Shop.....	8 p.m.
"	Lewisham, Rally.....	Lewisham, Rally.....	8 p.m.
"	Richmond, Fire Station.....	Richmond, Fire Station.....	7 p.m.
"	Upper Holloway, Glesbach Road.....	Upper Holloway, Glesbach Road.....	7 p.m.
"	West Hendon, Bitterne Park.....	West Hendon, Bitterne Park.....	6.30 p.m.
"	Clapham Common.....	Clapham Common.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	3 p.m.
"	Hampstead, Jack Straw's Castle.....	Hampstead, Jack Straw's Castle.....	3 p.m.
"	Islington, Newington Green.....	Islington, Newington Green.....	7 p.m.
"	Lewisham, Hill Fields.....	Lewisham, Hill Fields.....	3.15 p.m.
"	Putney Heath.....	Putney Heath.....	3.30 p.m.
"	Wimbledon Common.....	Wimbledon Common.....	3 p.m.
Monday, 7.	Kensington, Tabernacle Hall, St. James's Square, Notting Hill.....	Kensington, Tabernacle Hall, St. James's Square, Notting Hill.....	3 p.m.
"	Kilburn Atheneum.....	Kilburn Atheneum.....	8 p.m.
"	Putney, Lower Richmond Road.....	Putney, Lower Richmond Road.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.1.....	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.1.....	8 p.m.
"	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings.....	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings.....	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 8.	100, Hammersmith Road.....	100, Hammersmith Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Kilburn, Victoria Road.....	Kilburn, Victoria Road.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Lordship Lane, Houndsditch.....	Lordship Lane, Houndsditch.....	8 p.m.
"	Paddington, 50, Princes Street.....	Paddington, 50, Princes Street.....	3.30 p.m.
"	Streatham Hill, 57, Dovington Avenue.....	Streatham Hill, 57, Dovington Avenue.....	8.15 p.m.
"	Sydenham, The Studio, Venner Rd.....	Sydenham, The Studio, Venner Rd.....	8 p.m.
"	Walham Green.....	Walham Green.....	8 p.m.
"	Chelsea, 303, King's Road.....	Chelsea, 303, King's Road.....	12 noon
"	Forest Gate, 129, Earlham Grove.....	Forest Gate, 129, Earlham Grove.....	8.30 p.m.
"	Hampstead Fire Station, Heath St., Harlesden, Manor Park Road.....	Hampstead Fire Station, Heath St., Harlesden, Manor Park Road.....	3 p.m.
"	Hilford, Manor Park, The Rabbits.....	Hilford, Manor Park, The Rabbits.....	8 p.m.
"	Islington, Highgate Corner.....	Islington, Highgate Corner.....	9 p.m.
"	Kilburn, Maxine Avenue.....	Kilburn, Maxine Avenue.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Tottenham Park.....	Tottenham Park.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Nutford Place, Edgware Road.....	Nutford Place, Edgware Road.....	8 p.m.
"	Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, W.....	Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, W.....	8 p.m.
"	Brockhouse Road, Boston Corner.....	Brockhouse Road, Boston Corner.....	8 p.m.
"	Brondbury Road.....	Brondbury Road.....	7.30 p.m.
"	Catford, Swan Terminus.....	Catford, Swan Terminus.....	7.30 p.m.
"	154, Charing Cross Road, W.C.....	154, Charing Cross Road, W.C.....	7.30 p.m.
"	4, Clements Inn.....	4, Clements Inn.....	7.45 p.m.
"	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	Croydon, Katherine Street.....	8 p.m.
"	Earlham Grove.....	Earlham Grove.....	8 p.m.
"	Hampstead, 2		

Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. McGrath, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hicks, 2s. 6d.; Miss Harriet Weaver, 2s.; Miss Florence Spence, 6s. Tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's Town Hall meeting on November 21 may be obtained at the shop, price 2s. 6d. 1s. and 6d.

HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Noble, Darby Lodge.

The meeting held on Thursday, October 27, was a great success. Every ticket was sold, and the resolution was passed unanimously. The speakers, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss E. Freeman, and Miss Wyatt, were welcomed with the greatest interest, and their speeches have brought many into the movement. The sale of "Votes for Women" and literature showed the interest that was felt by those present. Open-air meetings will be resumed to-morrow (Saturday).

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. G. Haslam, 88, Cranbrook Road. A special meeting was held at North Woolwich on Wednesday last. Owing to the non-arrival of the levy, the audience became anxious lest the meeting should be postponed, but a box was soon procured and the meeting commenced. Miss Gilliat addressed the meeting at Ilford Road on Saturday. The resolution was put and passed with a large majority, a number of papers were sold, and a good collection taken. Members should book early for Albert Hall, as tickets are sold rapidly. Will members canvass with tickets for concert on December 1? This must be a thorough success, and funds are essential to progress.

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Cassaray, 33, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

Work is increasing so rapidly that it becomes necessary to take a small office or shop immediately. This should be in or near Upper Street, and in rents in this neighbourhood are high more funds are urgently needed. Three good meetings were held last week. Who will volunteer to sell papers on Friday evenings?

KENSINGTON.

Shepheard Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2114. Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates, 1, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, R.A.

During the past week three very successful drawing-room meetings have been held, for which many thanks are due to Mrs. Cornford, Mrs. Davies, and Mrs. Mander. It is hoped that many more drawing-room meetings may be arranged during this month. Many volunteers will be needed to work up the Town Hall meeting on the afternoon of Friday, November 18, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak. Much canvassing must be done in order to sell tickets for this meeting. Contributions towards Jumble Sale have been received from Mrs. Hart, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mrs. Stanley Mappin, Miss Muriel Mardon, and Miss Postlethwaite. Warm thanks are due to Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., for a donation of £25, and to Mrs. Lucy Henderson for £1 1s.

LAMBETH.

Organizing Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewsteed Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 21, Acacia Grove, Dulwich. Whilst everyone present greatly regretted the inability of Mrs. Brailsford to give the lecture which had been anticipated with so much pleasure, sincere thanks were given to Mr. Nevinson, who at the shortest notice took her place, and delighted his audience by a most interesting address on Florence Nightingale. The series of lectures concludes next Tuesday, and an appeal is made to those who hitherto have been unable to attend to make a point of coming on this last occasion. On Friday last Mrs. Every and Mrs. Tyler were successful in gathering a large number of the "unconverted" at a drawing-room meeting at 49, Rutherford Road, Brixton. Miss Leonora Tyson's speech aroused a most lively discussion; literature and colour sold well, and a new member was enrolled. As all the seats in Box No. 8 (Albert Hall Meeting) have been taken-up, a second box (No. 6) has been booked by the local Union, and members are requested to apply for seats without delay.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours, 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 22, Mount Pleasant Road.

Miss C. D. Townsend addressed a sympathetic audience at the Obelisk on Tuesday, October 25. Mrs. Cameron-Swan's witty and convincing speech was listened to by a record crowd at the Cadogan Hall terminus on October 28, and the resolution was carried with only a few dissentients. On Hilly Fields on Sunday, October 30, after Miss Wyatt's able speech the resolution was carried unanimously. Members and friends are reminded that at the shop will be found a variety of useful and pretty articles suitable for Christmas presents. These will also be displayed at the "At Home" meeting on November 15. An urgent appeal is made to members to begin at once to make this "At Home" known: cards can be obtained at the shop. Thanks to Miss Black for the gift of a number of fine Ruston (splendid preparation for cleaning bicycles, etc.). Several parcels for jumble sale gratefully acknowledged.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—21a High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183. Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, No. 22, Noel Road, Willesden.

Hearty thanks are given to all those members whose splendid work in selling the paper helped to secure for this Union the second prize in the London W.S.P.U. "Votes for Women" selling competition. Nothing is more important at the present juncture than to increase the circulation of the paper, and more sellers are urgently wanted every day, both afternoon and evening, but especially Saturdays. The resolution continues to be passed almost with unanimity at all outdoor and other meetings. A very delightful programme has been provided for the anniversary gathering on November 7. Contributions gratefully acknowledged—Miss Isa Wright, 6s.; Miss Wilson, 4s.; Miss Helen Bram, 3s.; Anonymous, per Miss Bedford, 1s.

NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clare Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate.

Three open-air meetings were held last week. Miss Hopkins spoke at Tellington Park, Miss Emily Davison at the Boston, and Mrs. Brindley at the Clock Tower. These meetings continue to attract a good deal of attention, and the resolution is invariably carried with a large majority. Several new members have come forward for the Finsbury Park and Nags' Head pitches, but more are wanted, especially for Saturday afternoon or evening. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Howick, 10s.; Collected at Workers' Meeting for poster, 5s.

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—10, Prized Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haworth.

Thanks to Mrs. Rogers, a success of drawing-room meeting was held last Friday which resulted in some new members and a good collection. The open-air meetings continue to be well attended and the shop is doing very satisfactorily.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—108, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Cutten, 21, Parsons Green, R.W., and Mrs. H. Roberts.

Two very successful open-air meetings were held last week—Mrs. Oliver-Watson speaking at Wallasey Green, and Miss Kelly at Manser Road, Fulham. In both cases the audiences were very sympathetic, and the resolution was carried by a good majority. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Linton, 10s.; Misses Smith and

£5 still remains to be raised. It is hoped to clear a good deal of this off if members and friends turn up in full force at the whit drive to-night (Friday), 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, including refreshments.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glandarill, Kew Road, Richmond.

Members wishing for more Albert Hall tickets for themselves or friends are asked to let the secretary know at the earliest possible moment.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. H. Pollard, Marshwood, 8, Burg Hill Road, Sydenham.

Members are asked to make a point of being present at the At Home on November 8, and to bring friends. They are also wanted for bill distributing and chalking.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop—6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway. Tel. 1018, P.O. Wimbleden.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Lorsignol, 17, Morton Hall Road.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Brailsford, Miss Lorsignol addressed the Friday evening At Home; the resolution was passed unanimously, and a special collection (1s. 7d.) taken in honour of Mr. V. Duval and Mr. Jacobs towards the M.P.U. funds. On Sunday Miss Jacobs addressed a large meeting on Wimbledon Common, when the resolution was carried with only four dissentients. Mrs. Musket is thanked for her drawing-room meeting, the proceeds of which were given to the local Union. On Monday, October 31, the annual general meeting was held, and the annual report and balance-sheet passed. A collection was taken towards the testimonial to Mrs. Whetenhouse Elmy. The Jumble Sale will take place on November 12. Will members send in names of friends from whom parcels may be collected? Entrance tickets for 5s., 2s. 6d. each. All details can be ascertained at the Shop.

Home Counties.

BARNET, HADLEY, ETC.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Wait, 18, Stafford Road, Barnet.

It was decided at the members' meeting on October 25 to hold public meetings in Barnet the second Monday in each month, starting November 14, also to hold open-air meetings each Saturday evening. The first was held in Heath Square on Saturday last, when a very large crowd, chiefly voters, listened to Nurse Pittfield's spirited address. Several papers were sold, and it was a splendid beginning. Six members came to help. It is hoped that all within reach will do their share. All energies must now be directed towards advertising Lady Constance Lytton's meeting on December 5. Workers are needed for sandwich parades, bill distributing, and chalking.

BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billinghurst.

Hon. Treas.—Miss Birley, 6, Tavistock Street.

Work is progressing favourably, the weekly meeting last Friday being the largest yet held. Several new members have joined, and a large number of women householders have been circulated with satisfactory results. Members and friends are reminded that Miss Birley is urgently in need of funds if the work here is to be continued.

Friday, Nov. 4.—Working Men's Institute, Harpur Street, Miss Douglas Smith, Miss Joachim, 8 p.m.

SEXBURY-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Young, "Barbie," Sea Road, Bexhill.

The meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, October 26, was very well attended. Mrs. Clarke was the speaker, Lieut. Col. A. H. Savill in the chair. The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority. The next meeting is fixed for November 8, at 3 p.m. It has been arranged to hold small meetings every Wednesday from 5 to 7 o'clock at the suffrage shop, Station Road; all are welcome.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 131, Old Christchurch Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth. Hours: 11-1 and 2.30-5.

On Wednesday, October 26, Miss Helen Ogston, B.Sc., spoke at an afternoon At Home at the offices, and there was a good attendance. In the evening she took part in a public debate on militant methods at the Y.M.C.A. Cairns Memorial Lecture Hall. Mr. Harold Salt took the negative part, but Miss Ogston scored all the evening through, and when the resolution "That the methods of the militant Suffragettes are in the best interests of women" was put to the vote it was carried by an enormous majority. It is proposed to hold a jumble sale at the office in a week or two. Contributors should send in their bundles as soon as possible.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—4, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4222 (Nat.).

Organizer—Mrs. Clarke.

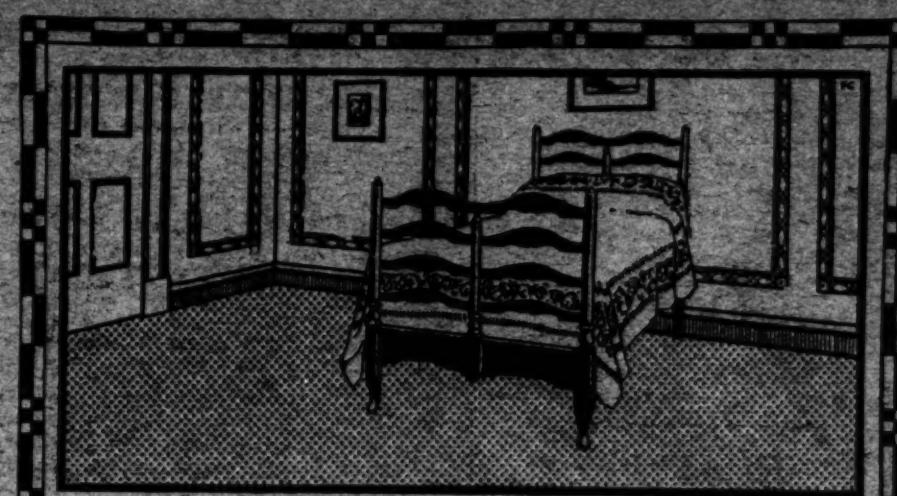
Arrangements for the open-air demonstration on November 12 are now in the hands of a sub-committee of representatives of the Church League, Men's League, Franchise Society, Freedom League and the W.S.P.U. There will be four platforms. The speakers at the W.S.P.U. platforms will be Miss Helen Ogston, Mrs. McKeown, and it is hoped, Mr. Victor Duval. Mrs. Clarke in the chair. A list of other speakers will be given in next week's issue. Will members please make every effort to make this demonstration a success by bill distributing, chalking and other means of advertising? Everyone should make it a point of honour to do their best to back up the Constitution Bill. Names are wanted for the deputation on November 22, and should be sent in immediately. Members wishing for Albert Hall tickets should secure them at once, as there are only a few left. Subscriptions towards the office rent are now due. Members are wanted for office duty, speaking, giving drawing-room meetings, and helping in many ways. Tea in the office to members and friends every day after the meeting. Mrs. Clarke at home to members and friends, Fridays, 7-9.

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT.

Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.

Organizer—Miss F. E. Macaulay.

Mr. Pankhurst's meeting has been an open-making event. The hearty applause and delighted laughter of the audience showed their warm response to his wonderful speech, and the final resolution was carried unanimously. Very hearty thanks for the splendid work of Miss Hoy and Miss Worsley, from Colchester; to Mrs. Taylor and Miss Spence, Mrs. Hoy and Miss Burkin, of Dover; and Mrs. Burman, Mrs. Arnott, and Miss Garrold, from Ramsgate; to the steward and literature sellers, and to all who helped to make the meeting so great a success. The organizer wishes to take the opportunity of acknowledging very gratefully the invaluable help of the Dover U.W.S.P.U. The steward's organization was perfect, and the exertions of the ticket secretary both before and after the meeting indescribable. The attractions were of Mrs. and Miss Hoy, and the meeting will be held next week by kind permission of Mrs. Tompkins, in the County Hotel, Canterbury. A most successful event. Six new members were made, and the Mayoralty sent a message to the effect that the state of health was not sufficient from being present. The Aesthetic Movement has had a very poor account of the meeting, and condemned Lady Constance Lytton's coming visit to Canterbury on December 20. All who can give any time are particularly asked to help in getting up the Mayoralty's meeting next Friday (Nov. 13), at 8 p.m. Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Burkin, and



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Friday, Nov. 11.—Margate Theatre Royal. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 3 p.m.

OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 208, Woodstock Road.

During the past week the street sale of the paper has again been very successful. Volunteers for Fridays and Saturdays, 11 to 1 and 5 to 7, are asked to communicate with Miss Tripp, 22, Burford-road. Speakers have been arranged for the next three Friday open-air meetings, under the direction of Miss Wellborne, Burton-Manor, Headington, to whom members willing to help are asked to write. On Thursday, October 27, an excellent meeting was held in the Masonic Buildings, Miss Graham in the chair. Mrs. Cameron-Swan gave an inspiring and helpful address. Elocution and recitation lessons are now available to members on exceptional terms at Miss Wellborne's studio, 1, St. Michael's street.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organizer—Miss G. A. L. Maran, 7, Cranswater Avenue, Portsmouth.

November 14 is drawing near, and members must work hard during the remaining ten days to make this meeting a success. It will be held in the Portsmouth Albert Hall, at 7 p.m.

Speakers—Mrs. Massy and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Tickets (prices 1s., 6d., 3d.) can be had at 7, Cranswater Avenue, and Storrs, Palmerston Road. There will be poster parades on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, starting Netley Road (off Osborne Road), at 12 noon and 3 p.m. respectively. All tickets out of sale or return must be returned by November 11. Work is going ahead in Southampton. Tickets (prices 2s., reserved and numbered; 1s. and 6d.) for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Palace Theatre can be obtained at Hodges, 117, Above Bar, and from Miss Kennedy, 81, Alma Road. Help is wanted in distributing handbills. Good contingents are expected for the London Albert Hall Meeting, November 10.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—Southampton, Women's Common Room, Hartley University College, 1.30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Portsmouth Poster Parade, meeting Netley Road (off Osborne Road), 12 to 1 p.m.

RAVENHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage, Shop—High Street.

The meeting held last Saturday was an entire success, and after clearing expenses two guineas was handed over for local funds. Will members note that meetings are being held at the shop every Tuesday, and there is much to be discussed. Tickets for the Albert Hall meeting, November 10, can be obtained at the shop.

READING.

Shop and Office—30, West Street.

Organizer—Miss Marston.

The energies of all are concentrated on working up Mr. Pankhurst's meeting on November 16. Still more canvassers and stewards are wanted. Will members come forward? Reading members are full of enthusiasm to make Mrs. Mary Neat's meeting there on November 20 a brilliant success. Help is needed for selling tickets and for the distribution of handbills. Will volunteers apply to the organizer through Misses Newbury. Tickets and handbills may be obtained there. Members would like to thank Mr. Kenneth Scott and Mr. Ernest for their services. They did the cause in getting up a most successful meeting for the Men's Political Union. A really sympathetic audience composed of a majority of men showed how the interest in the cause has increased.

Friday, Nov. 4.—Shop, speakers close, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 8.—Cavendish Bridge Hotel, drawing room meeting. Mr. Ayrton Gould, Mrs. Scott, 8.30 p.m. George William Palmer, Council Schools, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9.—Newbury, Cornhill, drawing room meeting. Miss Ayrton Gould, Mrs. Scott, 8.30 p.m.

1. a. session 2.5 p.m.

Monday last. Members are asked to make widely known Miss Christabel Pankhurst's and Sir John Holleson, M.P.'s Albert Hall meeting on November 16. Much energetic help is wanted to make this great meeting a success. The tickets, 1s. (reserved), 6d. and 3d., are selling well, but 2,000 at least must be disposed of before the 16th. Reserved Tickets at 6, Carlton Street, where plan of sale can be seen; only early application will secure the best seats. Will volunteers for handbill distribution, or members willing to act as stewards, send in names to Mrs. Denman, 23, Alfred Street Central, or to Miss Burgis? The sale is fixed for December 14, 15, and 17; particulars later. Will someone lend a sewing machine? Tickets for the London Albert Hall meeting, November 16, can be had at 6, Carlton Street. Seats in the Nottingham box, 2s. each. Miss Wallis would be glad of volunteers for paper selling on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and Mrs. Shaw is grateful for offers of help in the shop.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—Room 75, Mechanics' Institute, Committee Meeting, 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—Room 75, Mechanics' Institute, Miss Dorothy Pethick, Chair; Miss Reed, 8 p.m.

West of England.

BATH.
Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Weston-super-Mare.
Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at the Guildhall on Thursday last was an immense success. The hall was crowded with a deeply interested audience. Alderman Phillips proposed a vote of thanks which was heartily responded to, and this resolution passed with only one dissentient. New members were made and much local interest aroused. The next day a deputation waited on the Members for Bath, Lord Alexanor Thynne and Sir Charles Hunter (see *The Outlook*, page 65). Excellent reports appeared in the local papers. The next big event will be Lord Lytton's visit on Thursday, December 7. Owing to the great Albert Hall meeting on November 16, the weekly At Home will be postponed.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.
Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Tel. 1313.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

There was a very good attendance at the At Home on Monday last, Miss Kenney being the speaker. A splendid meeting was also held at the Glastonbury Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, the Rev. Geoffrey Ramsey in the chair. Miss Annie Kenney addressed a crowded and very enthusiastic audience. A good collection was taken, and a large number of VOTES FOR WOMEN sold. On Thursday, when Miss Edith Craig arrived to make selections, the room was filled with people anxious to take part in the Pageant, and so help to make November 5 a great success. A full dress rehearsal to-day (Friday) at the Princes Theatre at 3 o'clock. On Saturday the children who are taking part in the Morris Dances had a full rehearsal. The children have attained perfection under the tuition of Miss Nora Gough. Their dresses, etc., are being made by a committee of members.

Saturday, Nov. 5.—"Pageant of Great Women," Princes Theatre, 2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7.—Daniel Room, Victoria Rooms, At Home, Lady Isabel Margesson, 3.30 p.m.

EXETER.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Moutaffe, Penton, Crediton.
Lit. Sec.—Mrs. Froud, Little Broadway House, Topham.

On Friday, October 28, an invitation meeting was held at the Clarence Hotel for Mrs. Pankhurst, who gave a short address which made a deep impression upon those present. Thanks to Miss Tukey of Musbury, who kindly made all arrangements. A large audience assembled at the Barnfield Hall in the evening, when Mrs. Pankhurst made a most inspiring speech, and the resolution was carried without a single dissentient. Five new members joined, a substantial collection was taken, and over a hundred VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Many thanks to all helpers.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue.
Hon. Literature Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

Members and friends, please do your utmost to advertise the two meetings on November 12. Help is wanted in addressing envelopes and leaving handbills.

WILTS.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Katharine Abraham, 2, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The weekly meeting was held at Malmesbury, thereby breaking entirely new ground for the W.S.P.U. The speaker, Rev. Geoffrey Ramsey, spoke to an appreciative audience, many composed of working women. Mrs. Mansel was in the chair. Further meetings will be held at Box, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, and Chippenham, and it is hoped that at each of these, as at this meeting held hitherto, new members will be made.

Wales.
NEWPORT AND SOUTH WALES.
Office—45, Clarence Place, Newport.
Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., East Lynne, Upper Banff.

At a meeting on Thursday, October 27, at the Savoy Hotel, Newport, the resolution was carried unanimously. Proposer, M. H. Mackworth; seconder, C. W. Haig; chairman, E. M. B. Pillinger.

NORTH WALES.
Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., East Lynne, Upper Banff.

On Wednesday, October 26, a very good and representative audience listened to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Barnett at the Guild Hall, Carnarvon. Everyone listened with rapt attention, and Mrs. Lawrence's speech made a great impression. The resolution was passed. Thanks to Mrs. D. O. Evans and Miss Della Williams and other Carnarvon ladies for their most efficient help in organising the meeting. On Monday a very good open-air meeting was held in the Square, Carnarvon, at which Miss Evans and Miss Barrett spoke. Thanks to Mrs. Evans for two very successful drawing-room meetings at which Miss Barrett spoke.

Thursday, Nov. 10.—Bungay, Town Clock, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11.—Carnarvon, The Square, 7 p.m.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 10, Silver Street, Ipswich.
Shop—4a, Princess Street, Ipswich.
Shop Sec.—Miss King.

Miss Douglas Smith has addressed six splendid meetings during the week. On Tuesday two crowded meetings were held at East Bergholt and Cattawade. The Bergholt gathering was very kindly arranged by Mr. Harvey, assisted by Mrs. Agnes Tolman, Mrs. Tattersall, and Mrs. James Turner. Mrs. K. C. Norman presided, and the resolution was carried unanimously. At the evening meeting at Cattawade, ingeniously organised by Mrs. K. C. Norman and Mrs. Brookes, the resolution was again carried, and a large number of VOTES FOR WOMEN sold. Many thanks to Mrs. Puscock and Miss Worthington for arranging the

first At Home held at Stowmarket. It was a complete success, and the resolution was carried with only three dissentients. The open-air meetings addressed by Miss Douglas Smith also proved a great success. Members and friends wishing for seats in the Albert Hall box are asked to communicate with the organiser at once. Tickets 2s. each.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Massingham Lane, Bradford.

The deputation, which waited on Sir George Scott Robertson will do much to stir up women to revolt, and to arouse interest in the big demonstration next Sunday. Everything promises well. Will those who have not already promised to steward send names to the office? Councillors report excellent results from their visits to women householders. One member found only one "Anti" amongst 15 householders, the rest being not only anxious for the vote, but firm upholders of militant method. This is a fair example of the proportion of support. Mrs. Holton reports some more promises for the Southport stall, and Mrs. Chid has received promises of Yorkshire parkin and toffee, of which it is hoped to make a special feature. Members are specially asked to make a success of the very interesting At Homes which have been arranged, by coming early to receive and welcome the guests, and to give them information about the movement, future meetings, etc. Every member must feel herself responsible for the success of the gatherings.

Sunday, Nov. 6.—Bradford, St. George's Hall, Great Demonstration. Mrs. Pankhurst, Dr. Littas Hamilton, H. W. Nevinson, Esq., Chair; Miss Mary Phillips, 6.30 p.m.

LEEDS.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting may be had from Mrs. Perkins, 3, Bloomfield Road; bills from Mrs. Swales, 54, Belle Vue Road, Leeds.

Monday, Nov. 7.—Albion Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 293, Westgate Road. Thanks to all members and friends who worked so splendidly during the strenuous fortnight of the election. It only remains now to do the extra or unusually favourable impression created in South Shields, and with a nucleus of 36 new members, to form a strong W.S.P.U. branch there. The organiser hopes to hold a monthly meeting for women in the Ingham Hall, the first to take place on Thursday, November 10, at 7 p.m., when suggestions will be welcomed and plans for future work discussed. A pleasant incident during the polling day was a visit paid by the Mayor, the Chief Constable, and the Town Clerk to the Committee Rooms to shake hands with Mrs. Drummond, and congratulate her on the organisation of the W.S.P.U. campaign. Though the Liberal was not kept out, it is very certain that "Votes for Women" have got in. The General and Miss Alsworth met the Newcastle members on Friday afternoon at 77, Blackett-street. It was a delightful finale, and the General's wise parting words were much appreciated. The organiser makes another strong appeal for left-off clothes for Jarrold's Jubilee Sale. They should be sent to her at the office. Also will those who have decided to go on the Deputation in November send in their names as soon as possible? Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Taylor, large chest and 2s.; Mrs. Morris 2s; Miss Brett 2s; and Mrs. Atkinson for cost of tea for working party.

Sunday, Nov. 6.—Darn Crook, Socialists, Miss Williams, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 8.—Coxhoe Branch, Women's Co-operative Guild, Miss Williams, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Miss Williams and others, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10.—South Shields, Ingham Hall, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Williams, 7 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 23, Barwick Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

There were a good many fisherman among the audience that listened to Mrs. Archdale on Saturday afternoon, one of whom commented that he had not heard as much sense talked for many a day! As it is too cold now for outdoor meetings, it has been decided to hold meetings at 72, Westborough. Mrs. Archdale has kindly promised chairs. Members are asked to give furniture, etc., to make the place comfortable. More work is needed for the Cake and Apron Sale which Lady Constance Lytton opens on December 9.

Saturday, Nov. 5.—West Pier, Miss Suffield, Dr. Mackenzie, 3.30 p.m.; 72, Westborough, Miss Suffield, Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7.—The Valley, Sewing Meeting, 3 p.m.

SHEDFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 43, Marlborough Road, Sheffield. Tel: Broomhill 449.

Lady Constance Lytton's meeting was most successful. Many members joined, and a large amount of literature was sold. As a result of the interview with Mr. Pease, it has been decided to open a Rotherham campaign, and Lady Mabel Smith, of Rotherham, has kindly promised to help. Mrs. Scurfield has undertaken to organise a Sale; particulars will be given later. Members will be glad to know that in a letter containing a guinea, an anonymous friend expresses the opinion that the militant suffragette is a national asset. Sheffield is very proud to have won the second prize in the VOTES FOR WOMEN selling competition. Thanks to all members who so splendidly pushed the paper sales.

Friday, Nov. 4.—Montgomery Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8.30 p.m.

YORK.

Office—39, Coney Street.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coutts, 66, Nanthorpe Road. Hon. Trans.—Miss Violet Key Jones, Hawthorne Lodge, Bishopthorpe.

The first At Home was held on Tuesday, November 1. Speakers, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale, Mrs. Coutts. Some hundreds of householders' letters have been taken out by the members with satisfactory results.

North-Western Counties.

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—22, Berry Street, Tel. 2751 Royal.
Organiser—Miss B. Adela Pankhurst.

Miss Pankhurst again thanks "Two Sisters" for their generous donation of £5, and hopes they will send her their present address. They will be glad to know that these gifts always come when funds are specially low and money urgently needed. Will others follow this example and send donations for the Blouse Staff? Miss Stephenson hopes that all her helpers will be in their places by 6.30 on Wednesday night. Members are reminded of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at Pembroke Chapel, on Monday, November 14, at 8, with the Rev. Harry Youlster in the Chair. Members are invited to Mr. Youlster and the Deacons of Pembroke for their general meeting at the Chapel, which is so spacious and popular. Information and tickets for all meetings announced can be had from Miss Geraldine Lyster, Hon. Sec., 22, Berry Street. Mrs. Lyster specially asks all those ladies who have so generously given to the Shop, kindly to send her their donations due from last June to November; the delay is caused through the office having been closed for the long holiday campaign, but now each one will

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Friday, Nov. 4.—Special Advertising Parade, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5.—Special Advertising Parade, 11.30 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 7.—Special Advertising Parade, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 8.—Rhyll, Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss S. A. Flatman, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 9.—Liverpool, Picton Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss S. A. Flatman, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 10.—New Brighton, Green Tea Rooms, 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11.—Liverpool, University, 4.30 p.m.; Huyton, 8 p.m., Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Flatman.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.
Organisers—Miss Georgina Brackenbury and Miss Rosa Robinson.
Central Office—186, Oxford Road, Manchester.
Tel.: 3821 City.

Members and friends had an opportunity last Friday of hearing Miss Margaret Murray speak on "The Midwives Bill and Why Women Need the Vote." There was a good gathering, and best thanks are due to Miss Murray for her splendid address. Mr. W. Bently Capper also spoke. Members are urged to turn up to-night in good numbers, and to bring as many friends as possible. Goods for the jumble sale, which is to take place on November 19, will be thankfully received by Mrs. Ratcliffe. Members are reminded of the competition to be held towards the end of November, when a prize of £5 will be given by Mrs. Robinson for the best dressed doll, and another £5 for the most valuable toy made from material costing not more than £1. Will members who can give any time during the Southport exhibition please send in names as soon as possible? Several splendid prizes have come in, including £12 worth of Chinese embroideries from G. Oscar Blacker, Esq., and £10 worth of toys, etc., from Mrs. E. G. Robinson, B.A. Miss Brackenbury will be pleased to meet all members of the Militants' Club at a social gathering on Saturday, November 5, at 7.30 p.m. All W.S.P.U. members cordially invited.

Friday, Nov. 4.—Orchard Hall, Deanegate. Miss G. Brackenbury, 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11.—Orchard Hall, Deanegate. Mr. H. G. Chanceller, M.P., Miss Brackenbury, 8 p.m.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.): Miss Jessie Crompton, 63, Hilden St., Bolton.
Monday, Nov. 7.—Bolton, Victoria Square, Miss Heyes. Chair: Mrs. Crompton, 7.30 p.m.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.
Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

The October Social took place last week and was very successful. The next important event will be the Recital by Miss Patti Maynor. On Thursday, November 24th, it is hoped the rooms will be full to overflowing. After expenses were paid a nice sum of money was handed over to the staff secretary, from the proceeds of Mr. Laurence Housman's meeting, a good report of which appeared in all the local papers.

SOUTHPORT.
Office—12, Nevill Street.
Organiser—Miss Dora Marston.
On Monday afternoon Mrs. Sykes gave the first of a series of At Homes which are to be held in the Art Gallery weekly. Will workers and friends endeavour to keep all future Wednesday afternoons free till the Bazaar? It is now becoming imperative that those who are taking part in the Pageant on one, two, or four occasions should give in their names to Mrs. Sykes, Bazaar President. Will all stallholders and café girls note the scheme of dress, i.e. green dresses, of which lengths can be had in the shop; mauve dresses for luncheon girls, all of same pattern; for stallholders, dresses of any material in purple, white, and green, made in any style, provided that each costume is complete in one colour. It is desirable that Southport Council shall follow the lead of Manchester in sending a petition to Parliament concerning the Conciliation Bill; and a memorial urging this upon the Council is now in preparation. Will all who have not secured everyavailable signature endeavour to do so at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting to-morrow (Saturday)? Members are urged to do their utmost to make this meeting known. Stewards should be in their places not later than 2.15.
Saturday, Nov. 5.—Cambridge Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 3.30 p.m.

Scotland.

DUNDEE.
Office—61, Nethergate.
Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith.
Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Members are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which they have worked for Miss Pankhurst's meeting. Thanks to Mr. Kenneth, who painted a special office, window notice; no one could pass along Nethergate without observing that Miss Christabel Pankhurst was soon to visit Dundee. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Brand, 1s.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—61, Nethergate, At Home. Miss Lucy Burns.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.
Office—8, Melville Place, Queen'sberry Street.
Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, B.A.
Tel.: 5152 Central.

Last Thursday Mr. Kairi Harris spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience in aid of defence of the Conciliation Bill. Speaking of militant tactics, he said his own experience of politics had been that any movement which was not militant was almost sure to be overruled. The question of the enfranchisement of women was no longer an academic topic, but a live and quick political issue, and whatever they might think of the militant tactics it was these they had to thank for the change. Very hearty thanks to Mr. Harris for breaking his journey to Dundee in order to address the meeting. Thursday evening Miss Lee made a telling address. The fund for mimeograph and typewriter is now complete; thanks to the members who helped provide these necessary tools for the office work. Members will be glad to learn that the staff will hereafter include a travelling organiser, who will arrange meetings in outlying towns. Miss Mabel Gorrie has consented to undertake this work, which it is expected, will open up hitherto untouched districts around Edinburgh.

Friday, Nov. 4.—Edinburgh, Music Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 10.—Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 3 p.m.; 8, Melville Place, 8 p.m., Mr. Dobie.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
Shop and Office—202, Buchanan Street.
Tel.: 5141 Charing Cross.
Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie.

A crowded meeting was held at Lothianhead where Miss Wylie spoke to a deeply interested and sympathetic audience. It is hoped that Lothianhead will prove a valuable centre for summer work. The largely attended meeting at Home on Saturday was addressed by Miss Chapman, who made a moving speech, interspersed with flashes of humour and appropriate anecdotes. Miss Underwood was in the chair. Members are already looking forward eagerly to Miss Christabel Pankhurst's visit on December 2, at Andrew's Hall, which has been engaged for the occasion, must be filled, so each member must work her hardest. The organiser has several interesting schemes on hand for advertising the meeting and selling tickets. She will be glad if members who have even a few hours to spare each week will call at the shop and promise what they can.

NORWOOD.

Organiser—Miss E. D. Brannan.
Committee Room—118, Norwood Road.

As the Walthamstow by-election is now over, the organiser hopes that members will respond to the appeal for canvassers in this district. Only nine days remain of the canvas, as the memorial, for which signatures are being collected, must be presented to the Premier when Parliament reassembles. As this is also a constituency where the movement is little understood it is essential that the canvas should be thorough. It is hoped that those who cannot canvass will offer to keep the office, which is open daily from 11 to 6. Telephone Brixton 16. Miss Brannan can always be found there from 4.30 to 6. Trams from Victoria and the Embankment pass the office, also motor-bus, No. 20, from Oxford Circus and Charing Cross. The office is close to the Tulse Hill and West Norwood stations, and a short tram ride from Herne Hill.

SPEAKERS' CLASSES.

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

As the Walthamstow by-election is now over, the speakers' classes will begin again to-day, November 4th, when the subject will be, "How we Advanced the Cause of Women's Emancipation at Walthamstow." Miss Lee asks members to bring pencil and note book. Room 72, 4, Clements Inn, every Friday evening at 7.45 sharp. Entrance Fee, 3d. weekly. The private class on Saturday has been unavoidably postponed, but will take place on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Mrs. Louis Fagan was at Home at 37, Ruthin Court, to an entirely new audience who had been invited to hear about the objects of the above League, and to listen to an address from Miss Ab-Adam. Mrs. Louis Fagan, Mrs. Kinston Parkes and Mrs. Ayres Purdie were the speakers. On Saturday last members walked with their banner in the Guildford and District Women's Suffrage Society procession.

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Hon. Organising Sec., Victor D. Duval.

A members' business meeting was held at the office on the 24th ult., when Mr. F. Rutter explained the steps taken with a view to securing treatment as political offenders of Messrs. V. D. Duval and G. Jacobs. A resolution expressing the union's high appreciation of the action of Messrs. Duval and Jacobs in electing to go to prison rather than pay the fine imposed on them in connection with the City Temple protest, and condemning as utterly baseless and base the assertion of Mr. Vickery (solicitor for the prosecution) that the honorary organising secretary was a "professional agitator" was carried unanimously. Copies of this resolution have been sent to the Press, Cabinet Ministers and other authorities. A report of the welcome and breakfast to our ex-prisoners is given in another column. Mr. Victor Duval has received so large a number of congratulatory letters that he is unable to reply to all personally, and therefore asks his correspondents to accept this general acknowledgment of his sincere thanks.

Mr. G. Warre Cornish, through pressure of professional duties, has been compelled to resign the hon. treasurership of the union, and Mr. Frank Rutter has consented to act in his stead. The work of this union is to elect one and elsewhere must not be allowed to flag, and though the "fighting line" are as generous with their financial as with their personal help, members unable to take personal action are asked to support the policy of "deeds, not words," by donations large and small to the union campaign funds.

Already acknowledged:—£170 10s. 2d. Bernard P. Bill, 10s.; Miss Annie Helm, 10s.; Ernest J. Elliott, 10s.; James Henderson, 1s.; Leslie Dibben, 1s.; Miss Crook, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. E. and B. Myers, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Josephine Gomm, 2s.; G. Price, Esq., 3s.; H. S. Jouring, Esq., 1s. 6d.; "A Working Woman," 1s.; Mrs. Reed, 2s.; "A W.S.P.U. Member in Recognition of the Splendid Services of the M.P.U.," 10s.; Alexander Duncan, Esq., 1s. 6d.; "An Australian Woman in Grateful Appreciation," 10s.; Miss Mary Home, 1s. 6d.; "A Non-Militant Suffragist in Admiration of the Championship of the Cause carried out so fully by Mr. Duval and Mr. Jacobs," 5s.; Membership fees, 6s.; Extra on badges, 5d.; Collections, 1s. 2d.—Total, £176 2s. 3d. The £50 debt on the Union's funds was cleared off at the splendid meeting in the Caxton Hall on Tuesday.

Reading. A splendid inaugural meeting was held here last week, at which Miss Margeson kindly filled the gap caused by Mr. Duval being unable to be present. Mr. Scott in the chair. The hall was filled, new members joined, and a good collection taken.

GRAND SUFFRAGE MATINEE AT THE ALDWYCH THEATRE.

The Actresses' Franchise League and the Women Writers' Suffrage League Matinee which is to be given at the Aldwych Theatre, on Friday, November 18th, 2.30, promises to be anything an even greater attraction than the Scala Matinee of last year.

Several well known actresses who have hitherto not been connected with the Suffrage Movement have consented to appear, i.e., Miss Gertie Miller, Miss Evie Greene, Miss Lily Brayton, Mrs. Brown Potter, Miss Evelyn D'Arey, etc.

The Pageant of Great Women by Cicely Hamilton will again be under the direction of Miss Edith Craig, and the cast will include Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Gertrude Kingston, Miss Lillian McCarthy, Miss Lily Brayton, Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Eva Moore, Miss Edith Moore, Mr. Henry Ainley, and many others.

The first half of the programme will be devoted to two new plays and some star turns by Miss Gertie Miller, Miss Evie Greene and others.

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WOMEN SANITARY INSPECTORS AND HEALTH VISITORS SUFFRAGE GROUP.

A meeting of the above group will be held at the Emerson Club, 28, Buntingford Road, Strand, on Friday, November 18, at 8 p.m., Speaker, Dr. Marion Phillips. All sanitary inspectors and health visitors are invited to attend. The group will welcome all members of qualified health visitors and sanitary inspectors, whether or not they are at present holding offices. The subscription is 2s. to cover postage. For further particulars apply to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Theodore Fisher, 27, Dunnington Road, Hampstead Heath.

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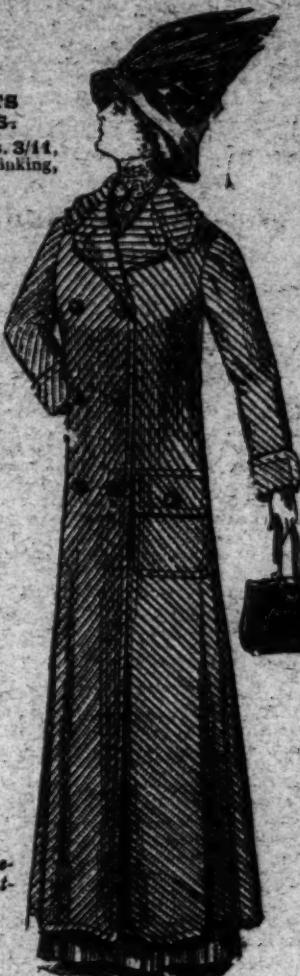
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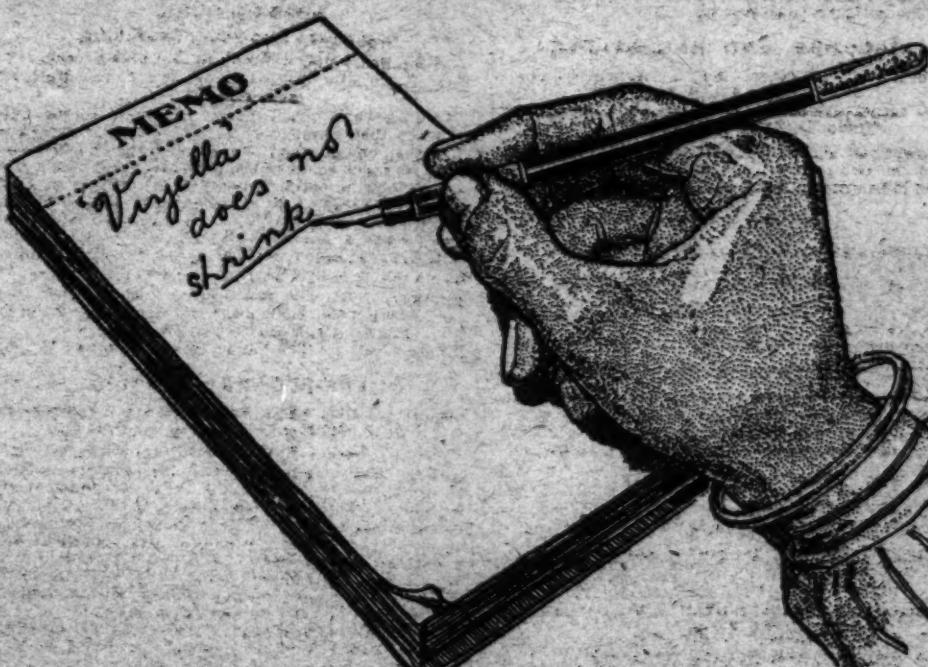


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The Greenwich and Lewisham Branch was inaugurated on October 15. President, Archdeacon Secret, and successful meetings have been held at Anerley and Lichfield. Members are requested to do all in their power to render "Suffrage Week" a notable success. Besides taking part in the mass meeting at the Albert Hall on November 12, the C.L.W.S. is holding meetings as below:—The Procession (November 14) will form at Cleopatra's Needle, Victoria Embankment, at 1.45, starting at 2.10, and those wishing to march are asked to send in their names immediately, and to arrive at the place of meeting punctually, as very little time can be allowed for assembling. C.L.W.S. Christmas cards will be ready shortly, and it is hoped that members will take this opportunity of helping the funds of the League.

Nov. 11.—At Home at the Medici Society's Hall, 11, Chandos Street, W. (near Oxford Circus), Rev. G. Baingarten, Miss Abi-Atam, Miss E. Sterling, and a member of the Conciliation Committee, 3 p.m.; Devotional Service, Royal Chapel of the Savoy, 5.30 p.m.

Nov. 14.—Procession to Westminster Abbey, 3 p.m.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

Miss Canning, who has been working at Cambridge during the Church Congress, writes: "I feel that a very important uplifting of the whole movement has been made in the public eye; distinct progress has been made and valuable points scored which will be far-reaching in the future." Thanks to local help a great quantity of Suffrage literature was distributed (Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Bothune Baker alone bought 750 pamphlets for free distribution) and valuable assistance was given by Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Dutt, Miss Burnett, Miss Royden, Miss Sterling, Mr. Vulliamy (Men's League), Mr. Higgins (Director of Education in New Zealand), the Rev. C. Hinsliffe (founder of the Church League for Woman Suffrage), Llewelyn Smith, Baumgarten and others.

NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Committee rooms were opened at Walthamstow, and members worked very hard during the by-election. Open-air meetings every afternoon and evening attracted large crowds, and an immense audience listened with close attention to Miss Eva Gore-Booth, Miss Muriel Matters, Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson, and several other well-known speakers. At the Conway Hall, on October 27, Mrs. Cecil Chapman, President, moved the resolution, which was carried unanimously. The Society's banner, carried by Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Both, Mrs. Hicks and Miss Raleigh made a good show in Saturday's procession. A large overflow meeting was afterwards held outside the Palace. Mr. Cecil Chapman and Mr. Fagan also spoke at a joint meeting of this Society and the Men's League at the Leyton Town Hall, on October 31. Mrs. Huish is specially grateful to Mrs. Louis Fagan, who addressed several meetings every day. Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Hicks, Miss Raleigh, Miss Bertha Graham, Mrs. Rawles, Miss Turner and the Misses Collier for their help at Walthamstow.

A NEW ZEALANDER'S VIEW.

To me, as a New Zealander, the militant Suffragists of this country seem like the Joans of Arc of a greater and higher cause, and they are destined, I hope and believe, to go down to history as the heroines and martyrs who will have won for their sex that which no man ought even to wish to deny. If we may judge by countries where Woman Suffrage has been tried, they will have done more than any other land of political workers to bring in social righteousness and justice and to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.

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ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

A meeting will be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, November 4, at 3 p.m. Chair: Mrs. J. D. Fagan. Speakers: Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Portwain, Mr. Cecil Chapman, and Mr. Campbell Johnstone. Admission free. A highly successful At Home was held at the Piccadilly Hotel on Oct. 25, at which Muriel Yvette Guilbert, Miss Declina Moore (chair), Lady Meyer, and Mr. F. Whelon spoke. Lady Meyer and Mrs. J. D. Fagan were hostesses. New members were made, and money was raised. On Friday, October 28, at the New Reform Club, Miss Abi-Adam made a magnificent speech on "How Women will Vote Down the White Slave Traffic." There was a large attendance. Will suffrage societies please note that Miss Ethelreda Gibb, Elliott House, Hillhead, Glasgow, has kindly undertaken to act as Glasgow hon. sec.? She will be glad to hear from those wishing to become members, and to give information to suffrage societies desiring the professional services of members on tour.

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SUSSEX MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The first cycle run to Ditchling and Keymer on Saturday last was an unqualified success. Two open-air meetings were held, and the resolution carried unanimously at both. The speakers were Messrs. J. Edward Francis and Adrian Brunel. To-morrow, Saturday, the cycle corps will run through Steyning, Washington, Sulgrave, Ashington, and Storrington. Brighton cyclists will start from the office at 2.30, or from Old Shoreham Road at 2.40. All suffragists heartily invited. On Saturday, November 12, there will be a mass meeting of suffrage societies on the Brighton Level. Will all interested in the cycle corps communicate with the Secretary? Office 134, Western Road, Brighton.

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